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JOHN TAYLOR KINLEY
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims against the Estate of the above deceased, who died at Shanghai, China, on the 25th day of April, 1938, should give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned, the Solicitors for Irene Howe Kinley, the lawful widow and relict of the said deceased and one of the residuary legatees named in the Will to whom Letters of Administration (with the said Will annexed) have been granted on the 14th day of March, 1939, within two months from the date hereof, after which time the said Irene Howe Kinley intends to distribute the Estate of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has then been received by the undersigned AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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Shanghai, March 23, 1939.
11633

WESTERN (EXTRA-SETTLEMENT) ASSOCIATION

Members are reminded that the First Annual General Meeting of Members of the Association will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 27 The Bund, Shanghai, on Thursday, March 23, 1939, at 5 p.m.

All Western Extra-Settlement Ratepayers are invited to attend. 11618

NOTICE

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NOTICE

On March 25, 1939, a dinner will be held at the Cercle Sportif Français by the Greek Community in honour of His Excellency, Mr. A. Politis, the Minister of Greece to Japan. Circulars have been mailed to all members of the Hellenic Community and their families but, in the event they are not received in time, anyone desirous of attending is requested to communicate, before noon on Friday, March 24, 1939, with Dr. H. Vassiliadis, 133 Route de Say Zoong, Telephone 76614 or 74434, for particulars.

THE COMMITTEE,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at No. 9 Avenue Edouard VII, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 6th day of April, 1939, at 11.45 a.m. for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938.
(2) To elect a Director.
(3) To elect Auditors.
(4) To transact other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 1 to April 6, 1939, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
TURNER, STURROCK & BROWN,
Secretaries and General Managers,
9 Avenue Edouard VII, Shanghai.
March 22, 1939.
11629

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eighteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Ewo Cotton Mills, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, No. 27 The Bund, Shanghai, on Thursday April 27, 1939, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the following purposes:—

To receive and consider the Report and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, to declare a dividend, to elect the Consulting Committee and re-elect the Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 13 to April 27, 1939, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.
Shanghai, March 22, 1939.
11624

Positions Vacant

At some time or other a new member of the staff is required—there is no wider field than our Classified Columns under the above heading.

To-day's Events
MARCH

23 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
23 Western (Extra-Settlement) Association ann. gen. meeting, 27 The Bund, 5
23 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture
23 V. Vatin's gala performance, 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera by F. Lehar, Lyc., 8.45
23 B.U.S.C. Lecture by Dr. Blakelock on 'Immunity' at 114 Peking Road, at 6
23 For. Y. Debate: 'Social Service vs. Faith,' 9
23 *Chinkiang British Concession evacuated by foreigners (1927)*
23 *Chinese Eastern Railway transferred to Manchoukuo (1935)*

Coming Events
MARCH

24 'A' Coy., S.V.C., Annual Dance, C.S.F.
25 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
25 'The 13 Jolly Ones,' songs, dance and humour, American Women's Club, 9
25 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
26 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
26 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
27 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
28 B.U.S.C., Literary: 'Hebrew Poetry' by Rev. Brown, 4B Medhurst Apts., 5.30
28 A.W.C. bridge and mahjongg, 3
29 K.D.S. Ann. mtg. at 158 Edinburgh Rd., Tea 4.30, Business 5.30
29 Union Ch. ann. mtg. and supper, 7.30
29 Ex-Gunners' Dinner, Cockpit
30 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
30 Ann. mtg. of S'hai. Auxiliary, of Brit., Foreign, Amer. Bible Socs., Un. Ch. Hall. Tea 5, meeting 5.45
30 For. Y. Debate: 'Machine Enslaves Mankind,' 9
30 'Carmen,' Grand Opera, Lyceum, 9
30 Indian Merchants Association meeting
31 S'hai R.U.F.C. Dance, Country Club
31 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9

APRIL

1 21st Anniv. Formation R.A.F. and R.A.F.A. Reunion Dinner, 'The Dome'
1 Oxford & Cambridge Society Dinner
1 'Carmen,' Grand Opera, Lyceum, 9
2 'Carmen,' Grand Opera, Lyceum, 9
2 Brith Trumpeldor Dance, A.W.C., 9
4 A.W.C. Library Tiffin, 12.30
5 Cathedral School Old Boys' Assn. Annual Dinner, Air Defence Club
6 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
6 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
6 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
6 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture, 5.30
6 Reel Club Dance, Race Club, 9
6 S. M. Orchestra, 1st Performance 'Sacred Music,' Lyceum, 9.15
8 S.M. Orchestra, 2nd Performance 'Sacred Music,' Lyceum, 3
11 A.W.C. Literary Dept. meeting, 4.45
14 Bateman-King, 'Through the Looking Glass,' Lyceum
15 Bateman-King, 'Through the Looking Glass,' Lyceum
17 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, Y.M.C.A., 3
18 A.W.C. Musical Prog. Dupont, 4.45
20 Concert, Community Church, 9
25 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3

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By Order of the Board of Directors.
WHEELOCK & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries.
Shanghai, March 17, 1939.
11501

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 20 Canton Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, April 4, 1939, at 11.45 a.m., to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ended February 28, 1939, to declare a Dividend, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors and to transact other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 29 to April 4, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Shanghai, March 16, 1939. 11479

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To the Editor of the
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SIR,—Will you please make it known through your correspondence columns that a city-wide effort will be made soon to persuade people not to spit in public places. This movement is sponsored by the Joint Committee of Shanghai Women's Organizations in association with the Shanghai Anti-Tuberculosis Association, the Council on Public Health of the Chinese Medical Association, and the Health and Education Departments of the International Settlement and French Concession.

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It is because of our desire to make Shanghai a cleaner, healthier city that we make this appeal to the public.

MRS. J. S. BARR,
Chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee
Joint Committee of Women's Organizations.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

South Africa:
A Correspondent's View

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—If a "young 'un" can be considered capable of giving an opinion on the questions raised by your correspondent AFRIKAAN I should like to express my views on the subject.

Conditions at the Cape are not quite so bad as they are painted by OLD CHINA BIRD and social relations between the English and Dutch races are rapidly improving. I have many Dutch friends in South Africa, and if AFRIKAAN is not previously prejudiced against the Afrikander folk, he will find them generally sociable and hospitable. In Durban, the Afrikaans language is not so prevalent as it is in the Cape, and many English families have settled in the East Coast resort. Weather conditions in Cape Town or Durban are ideal, and this young South African hopes to retire in Cape Town (some time from now, of course).

The future of a boy of 17 in South Africa depends largely on his ability to learn the Afrikaans language, but to an ambitious youth, this should not prove difficult. In Government or Civil Service appointments as well as in most business circles, a knowledge of Afrikaans is considered essential, but once the language no longer presents an obstacle, the future is reasonably bright.

A good insight into social life and conditions in South Africa can be obtained from the South African weekly magazine, "The Outspan" and AFRIKAAN would no doubt find the magazine very interesting.

Wishing AFRIKAAN a happy retirement.

SPRINGBOK.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Blue Days:
A Study in Courage

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Blue days, tough days, they get you more so, when you are four or six in a room with no furniture save a ceiling lamp to reflect on, living together in harmony or anyway having sense enough to very well know, that if you quarrelled and howled around someone would come in and drive you out. Blue days, tough days, it does get you. Then what happens to all noble resolutions? How do you feel about the noble maxims you quoted so comfortably at braver times "Haywire! Nonsense! Hooey!" That is what happens—that is how you feel.

Grey rain beating on the window, grey wind howling round the wall, grey despair filling you, chilling you, turning you into a desperate ghost without hope or home. That is the picture when the blue days come. And they come for all of us, regardless. Whether we are lucky and loved, or lonely and licked, the blue days come—and nothing and no one can help us then, for our souls are sick, waking one morning—hating everything, doubting everything, wishing you could lie down again—close your eyes—quit for keeps. But of course you cannot, you put on your coat, pull down your hat and go out into the rain to walk the bare winter roads. Grey sky, grey earth, grey heart. Where are you going? Why are you going?

Mile upon mile the wet roads slip away under your hopeless heel. Hour after hour bitter questions echo in your hopeless heart. What is the use? For me—for anyone—what is the use of all this struggle after the first foolish heat of youth has gone, after one learned how short life is, how futile and meaningless? Black sky, black earth, black heart. Darkness and rain everywhere. Winter in the sky, Winter on earth, and Winter in your heart. But there, defying the winter, laughing at death, singing, flinging its immortal song of conquering life—there comes Spring.

Blue days. Tough days. Have they come to you again? Days when though you count all your assets over and over, you can see no reason to go on. For everything fails. What can you really depend on? Stop counting. Stop doubting. Whatever else fails—even though you yourself fail yourself—there is always one thing you can count on. There is always one thing that nothing can vanquish—that will return again after any battle, any seeming defeat, untarnished and undiminished — Life. Stop doubting and counting. Stop fear and struggling. Wait as the earth waits, confident, complacent. No matter how long or dark the winter, spring is at hand, you will be glad again—never surrender.

PETER B. EUSTAFF.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

The Race Course:
The Bubbling Well Rd. Ditch

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I notice that a bamboo fence is being erected along the Bubbling Well Road side of the Race Course, and hope this is a prelude to the filling up of the open sewer which has been contributing more than its quota to the defiling of the already overladen atmosphere of this fair city for so many years.

Twice in every twenty-four hours the contents raise their filthy and festering bosom to the gaze of the passer-by, then sink almost out of sight leaving a noisome scum on the walls for the nourishing of hordes of flies in the summer time.

Evidently this sewer has been left as an open ditch to protect the boundary of the race track, but now that a fence is being put up there seems to be no reason why this eyespore and menace to health cannot be filled in and paved over, as has been done further west.

Might I suggest that it would be a gracious act for the Race Club to plant trees along this fence, as the gaunt specimens of potential firewood which decorate the road at this point have ceased to be either beautiful or shady as they once were, before it was demonstrated that whilst "only God could make a tree" the unskilled coolie can make firewood out of it very easily.

Some years ago attention was drawn to the ruthless manner in which these trees were being pruned, and it was foretold that they would be ruined by the unrestrained collection of pea-sticks for somebody's garden.

If the Race Club cannot, out of their generous contributions to charity, see their way to spare a few dollars for the beautifying of their property and the satisfaction of the public who supply their income, then possibly our moulders of the new order in Asia would be willing to help something take root about which, at least, there can be no argument as to its usefulness and beauty—a row of trees.

ARBOREOUS.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Phonetic English:
Accent Needing Correction

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Could some of your readers, please, explain to me the Standard English in connection with the Standard Phonetic System, and in what degree is this system used in Grammar Schools or Colleges in England. Are there any regulations of the Board of Education governing the appliance of Standard Phonetic System in the teaching institutions of Great Britain?

I have been taught English by a foreign teacher in a foreign high school and consequently have acquired a wrong accent and pronunciation, which I am very anxious to correct.

How are people in England who have strong Yorkshire accents, etc., taught to correct their speech and to speak Standard English?

Would you, please, give me a list of text-books that will be most useful to me and which fully cover this subject, and what dictionary is based on the Standard Phonetic System.

I am anxious to acquire the correct pronunciation as it is very important for me to do so, and I will be sincerely grateful to any readers who are able to enlighten me fully on this subject.

SHANGHAI RESIDENT.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

Vegetarianism:
Convert Needs Information

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—My family and I have recently gone in for vegetarianism which we have found to be most beneficial from a health point of view. The only thing against it is that a complete vegetarian diet is apt to become monotonous, and I know that there are methods of preparing vegetables which will make vegetarianism very much more interesting.

In addition to this, it is also necessary for vegetarians to go in for a balanced diet so that one does not get too many proteins and too little carbohydrates. I wonder, therefore, whether any of your readers would kindly recommend or else put me in touch with any Society which could advise me as to the best course to take.

As I have already said, I have found that vegetarianism is doing me and my family a great deal of good and I can truthfully say that I have not felt so fit for years.

By vegetarianism, of course, I mean complete vegetarianism, that is to say, that we eat no flesh, fish or fowl of any kind.

VEGETARIAN.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Do You Know?:
The History of Corsica

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Please allow me to correct a misstatement which appeared in the answer to one of the questions asked in "Do you know" of March 19 regarding Corsica.

Corsica again became French on May 15, 1768 (and not in 1770) through the treaty signed between Louis XV, King of France, and the Republic of Genoa. Corsica was purchased for a sum equivalent, at the present time, to £2,800,00.

JEAN MARIOTTI.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

The Buses:
Those Smug Passengers

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Herewith a line in support of the complaint that certain bus passengers are allowed either to remain in their seats and be carried round from the Cathay Hotel stop to the Palace Hotel, or to actually board the bus at the Cathay Hotel.

It is very annoying indeed to see these smug creatures sitting in their places as the bus drives up to the Palace Hotel stop, while the orderly people who obey the rules have to join in a general scrumble to get on board at all.

HE BELONG MY FRIEND.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

THE EUROPEAN NEWS IS ENERVATING — WHAT NEXT?
— PYRAMIDS, STAR-GAZING AND PALMISTRY ARE OF NOT MUCH USE NOWADAYS
— BUT WE MUSTN'T OVERLOOK THE WONDERFUL MISS AUDREY KING WHO FAITHFULLY WARNED THE TSAR DODON AT THE LYCEUM EACH TIME THERE WAS A DANGER ABOUT
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BY SAPAJOU

The "Coq d'Or" Wanted

Ratepayers' Meeting:
An Announcement Omitted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I notice that the list of "Coming Events" on the front page of your paper makes no reference to the Annual Meeting which is, I think, to be held in April.

We have been told that it is the duty of all good citizens of Shanghai to roll up at this meeting, yet it is omitted from such a valuable column as your "Coming Events."

Is this a deliberate omission—if so, is it on grounds of economy? One hopes that it is not for any other reason.

CITOYEN.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Archbishop's Appeal:
Dr. Lang's Authority

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With reference to the London telegram appearing in your newspaper of today's date regarding the Archbishop of Canterbury's solicitation of the leadership of Pope Pius XII, I shall be very grateful if any of your readers can tell me on what grounds Dr. Lang bases his promise that all the leaders of the Protestant churches will join the Anglican Orthodox Church in supporting this proposal.

ENQUIRING LAYMAN.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Surcharges:
Public Utility Dividends

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In view of the fact that the Shanghai Power Company and Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd., have recently declared dividends, may I suggest that the S. M. C. indicate when we may expect the abolishment of these surcharges or a considerable reduction therein?

Perhaps our friend Mr. Stewart will be kind enough to put these questions before the next Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. Here's wishing him luck.

A CONSUMER.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

French Government Prepare Defences
Four New Torpedo Boats Ordered for Navy

Paris, Mar. 22.

The French Government today put French war industries on a 60-hour per week footing and announced that the outgoing class of conscripts, which was to leave the Army in April, would be retained for active duty.

The Government also increased the permanent Army's staff officers to a peacetime total of 31,060.

The Minister of Navy signed an order for the construction of four additional 1,772-ton torpedo boats.—United Press.

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"Never a Dirtier Trial Than This"
Defendant's Outburst In Old Bailey; Calls Jury "Bunch of Ninnies"

Captain Fred Russell, "arrogant, domineering, impertinent, offensive, a man who terrorises women," thumped the rail of the Old Bailey dock and called the jury a "bunch of ninnies," states the "Daily Mail."

The jury had found him guilty of conspiracy to defraud a number of people who parted with money for tuition as prospective managers and manageresses of domestic employment exchanges.

His tirade against the Common Serjeant (Mr. Cecil Whiteley, K.C.), the jury, counsel, police and Press lasted twenty minutes, and finally he was sentenced to four years' penal servitude.

"I charge the judge with winking at the jury.... It has been a puppet show.... There was never a dirtier trial than this...."

In this manner the stockily-built 53-year-old Russell caused one of the most remarkable scenes the Old Bailey has witnessed.

Received £3,600

Detective-Inspector Hawkyard spent nearly a year working on Russell's frauds after the chief constables of three Southern counties had interviewed the Public Prosecutor.

It was Inspector Hawkyard who unmasked Russell yesterday.

He told how Russell joined the Royal Engineers in 1900, and retired 21 years later with the rank of captain.

He told of the domestic agencies opened in London and the provinces by Russell to perpetrate his frauds.

"The amount involved in the charges is £490," he added.

"So far as I can ascertain Russell has received since 1929 as a result of his fraudulent schemes a total of more than £3,600 from people, mostly women, who could ill afford to lose the money.

"Until the day of his arrest he was still endeavouring to obtain sums of £50 from women attracted by his advertisements to become manageresses.

"He is the type of man who terrorises women, and the non-attendance of one of the women witnesses here is no doubt due to the fact that she has been inconvenienced in the past by Russell."

In 1936 Russell was fined £20 at Brighton for unlawfully carrying on an employment agency.

Middle-aged, Mrs. Ryder, of Hastings, whom I saw after the trial, was one of a dozen victims who saw Russell convicted.

"I had £75—all I had in the world—and I gave it to Russell on the promise of being appointed a manageress of an employment agency," she told me.

"He did, in fact, install me in a position at Hastings where I ran a branch office. My wages, which were fixed at £3 a week, were not paid, and I have lost the £75."

Mary Hansen, 39, and Kathleen Martin, 28, were both found guilty of conspiracy with Russell. They denied they were dominated by him.

The first was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, while sentence on Kathleen Martin, who had been found not guilty on charges of obtaining money by false pretences, was postponed until next sessions.

"I shall continue to cause a scene," boomed Russell from the dock, "and I shall win in the end."

"The police have been saying for years 'We are gradually tightening the net against Russell.' In Hastings, Eastbourne and Brighton and Hove they have been saying there will be a lot of mud stirred.

"Do Your Worst!"

"Look at these 'deluded' women," he cried, pointing to his victims. "Their only friend in this court is me. I am the only man to get their money back if I am given a chance."

Then Russell accused the judge of "currying favour with counsel for the prosecution."

"The judge dares to direct the jury on what I have heard this man and that man say," he exclaimed. "It has been a tissue of lies from beginning to end."

Of the two women who stood at his side during the trial, he said: "These ladies pawned right and left to pay the wages."

Russell's final shout to the Common Serjeant was: "Do your worst!"

Without comment the judge said: "Russell, the sentence on you is four years' penal servitude."

Mons Will See Its V. C. "Saint"
Ex-Private Godley To Visit Scene of Action

It's a hard job trying to get ex-Private Godley to talk of the exploits which made him the Great War's first V.C., states a London correspondent.

In Mons, his name is still spoken of with respect; he is almost a patron saint. But, like all genuine heroes, ex-Private Godley, now podgy, walrus-moustached and 5ft. 4½in., is modest. He won't talk.

I went to see him because yesterday the L.C.C. Education Committee granted him special leave in April from his job as a Bethnal Green schools caretaker to revisit Mons.

With 25 or 30 Mons survivors, he will be present at the unveiling of a plaque on the new Nimy Bridge. It was in defending the old bridge that Godley gained his V.C. Sentence by sentence, I extracted this story from him.

"Suicide Job"

"It was a suicide job. The Germans were advancing on the French frontier and greatly out-numbered our 'contemptible little Army' as the Kaiser called it.

"Lieut. Maurice J. Dease and I were detailed to defend the Nimy Bridge with our lives. All we had was a single machine-gun and a quantity of ammunition.

"Our job was to hold up the enemy while the rest of the regiment retreated. "For what seemed an age we held our position. "Then Lieut. Dease was mortally wounded and I was left single-handed to carry on the fight.

"I managed to hold the bridge for another two hours. "It was only when the ammunition ran out that I was captured and the Germans could not believe that I was there alone. "They took me prisoner and kept me in captivity till the end of the war."

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FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 23, 1869

The objective of the Chinese mission, which has just arrived in Paris, is to prepare for the establishment of permanent, embassies in the countries which it visits. The sum allowed by Chinese Government for its voyage, which has no fixed duration, is £80,000. The members composing it will be received it the Tuileries this week, when the first ambassador will deliver an autograph letter from the Emperor of China to the Emperor Napoleon. This document is written in double columns in two languages the Mantchou to the left and the Chinese to the right, on a sheet of yellow paper 15 inches broad and 6½ feet long. The Mantchou is the mother tongue spoken by the people of a part of Tartary, from whom has issued the actual dynasty of China. The line of separation of the two columns and the framing are ornamented with large dragons with five claws each, which constitute the Royal emblem, of which the Emperor alone enjoys the privilege.

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Current Films

GRAND.—"Son of Frankenstein."—Stark terror stalks the earth again when the son of Frankenstein revives the monster his father had created and finds that the puppet has become the master. With Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi Lionel Atwill and Donnie Dunagan. Basil Rathbone, Josephine Hutchinson, Opens today.

CATHAY.—"They Made Me a Criminal."—Accused of a murder he didn't commit and then reported as having been burnt to ashes in a motor car accident, the lightweight champion of the world becomes an embittered fugitive to find solace at last in a camp for boys. With John Garfield, "Dead End Kids," Claude Rains, Ann Sheridan, May Robson, Gloria Dickson and Robert Gleckler. Opens today.

NANKING.—"Gunga Din"—Three dare-devil British sergeants find that their thirst for adventure has led them into the clutches of the murderous sect of the Thugs on India's turbulent North-west frontier. In the ensuing fight, the entire British force is saved from annihilation by the dauntless courage of McLaglen, Douglas Fairbanks, jun., Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine, Sam Jaffe, Edourdo Ciannelli, Montague Love and Lumsden Hare. Reviewed elsewhere.

METROPOL.—"The Lady Objects."—Conflict of careers between husband and wife and dramatic accounts of a woman lawyer who defended her own husband against charges of murder. With Gloria Stuart, Lanny Ross, Joan Marsh and Robert Page. Reviewed elsewhere.

CAPITOL.—"Rascals."—Princess Jane of the Gypsies rescues a runaway rich girl who has lost her memory. With Jane Withers, Rochelle Hudson, Robert Wilcox and Borrah Minevitch.

GOLDEN GATE.—"Garden of the Moon"—Packed with excitement romance and snappy comedies and haunting melodies, With Pat O'Brien, Margaret Lindsay, John Payne, Johnnie Davis and Jimmy Fidler.

PARIS.—"Born to Dance."—Packed with entertainment and talent. The story revolves around the world famous tap-dancer, Eleanor Powell. With James Stewart and Virginia Bruce.

RIALTO.—"Hold That Co-ed."—A gay story of a foot-ball crazy politician with a team whose star player was Joan Davis—with John Barrymore, Marjorie Weaver, Joan Davis and George Murphy.

UPTOWN.—"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."—Walt Disney first feature length production in glorious multi-plane technicolour.

Films Coming

"Trade Winds."—Romantic thrills in an excitement-charged woman-hunt that takes its stars right round the world to an island paradise in mid-Pacific. With Joan Bennett as the girl who fled from the law and Fredric March as the detective who finally catches up with her. The rest of the cast includes Ralph Bellamy. Ann Sothern, Sidney Blackmer, Thomas Mitchll and Robert Elliott. Coming tomorrow to the **METROPOL.**

"Wings of the Navy."—A brilliant spectacle which effectively dramatizes the thrilling story of naval aviation. With George Brent, Olivia de Havilland, John Payne, Frank McHugh, John Litel, Victor Jory and Henry O'Neill. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"St. Louis Blues." — Romance and rhythm aboard a modern Mississippi showboat, with the Glamour Gal of "Jungle Goddess" in the kind of role you've always wanted for her and with Maxime Sullivan singing the famous song that gives this colourful musical comedy its title. With Dorothy Lamour, Lloyd Nolan, Maxime Sullivan, Tito Guizar, Jerome Cowan and Jessie Ralph. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"Three Loves Has Nancy."—The vivacious story of a small-town girl who goes to New York in search of the man who left her at the altar, and finds herself involved as the romantic pivot between two other men. With Robert Montgomery, Janet Gaynor Franchot Tone, Guy Kibbee, Claire Dodd and Reginald Owen. Soon at the **CATHAY.**

"Bulldog Drummond in Africa."—Another of the thrilling "Bulldog" series. This time, crime and adventure lead Drummond to Africa in search of a desperate killer. With John Howard, Heather Angel and H. B. Warner. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

"Say it in French."—With a bride from Paris and a fiancee in New York, even Ray Milland has his hands full. All the piquant wit and gay sophistication of its French original, plus a 22-carat Broadway setting, lift this into the class of super-comedies. With Ray Milland, Olympe Bradna, Irene Harvey, Janet Beecher, Mary Carlisle and Holmes Herbert. Soon at the **CATHAY.**

"Just Round the Corner."—As delightful as ever, but this time a bundle of mischief as well. The industry's top-ranking star has been given a fine, well-knit story and the best supporting cast she's ever had, to put it over. With Shirley Temple, Charles Farrell, Joan Davis, Amanda Duff, Bill Robinson, Bert Lahr and Franklin Pangborn. Booked for the **GRAND.**

"Marie Antoinette."—Norma Shearer resumes her screen career as the little Austrian Archduchess who became the last Queen of France. Tyrone Power co-stars as the gallant young Swede who risked his all to save her from the guillotine. With John Barrymore, Robert Morley, Anita Louise, Joseph Schildkraut and Gladys George. Repeat showing at the **METROPOL.**

"That Certain Age."—The delightfully human misadventures that befall a girl who is "too old for dolls, and too young for romance." With Deanna Durbin, Melvyn Douglas, Jackie Cooper, Irene Rich and Nancy Carroll. Repeat showing at the **NANKING.**

To Dine and Dance

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CASANOVA.—Apollo's Gauchos. Floor show.

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DEL MONTE.—Cabaret. Alabido's orchestra. Floor show.

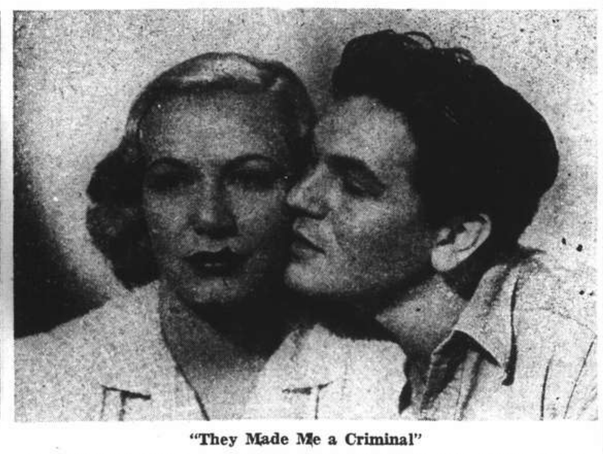
"The Lady Objects"

Joan Marsh is featured at the Metropol Theatre today.

FROM SHANGHAI FOOTLIGHTS AND FILMS

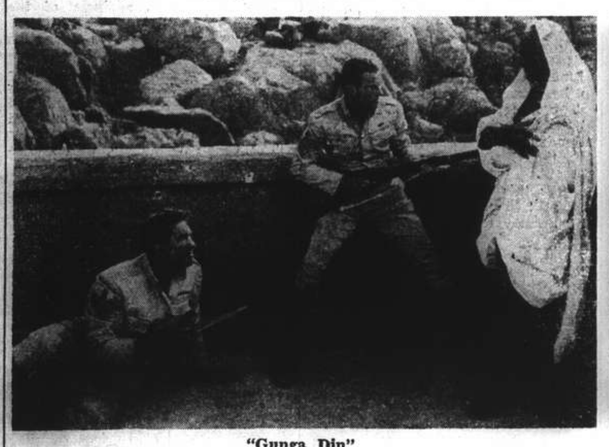
"Trade Winds"

Two brilliant stars will open at the Metropol Theatre tomorrow—Fredric March and Joan Bennett. Associated players include Ralph Bellamy, Ann Sothern, Sidney Blackmer and Robert Elliott.



"They Made Me a Criminal"

The Cathay Theatre is featuring John Garfield in this crime drama today, having support from Ann Sheridan, Claude Rains, May Robson, Gloria Dickson and Robert Geckler.



"Gunga Din"

Starred at the Nanking Theatre today are Victor McLaglen, Douglas Fairbanks, jun., and Cary Grant, while in supporting roles one finds Joan Fontaine, Sam Jaffe and Montague Love.

"Son of Frankenstein"

With the biggest "all-vicious" cast ever in a thriller, the Grand Theatre today presents Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Lionel Atwill, Basil Rathbone and Josephine Hutchinson.

U.S. Opinions of Vivien Leigh

Cross-Section Poll Shows That 35 Per Cent. Approve Choice as "Scarlett"

The American Institute of Public Opinion, which has been "spading" the national mind as though it were a potato patch, has come around at last to the Scarlett O'Hara question. And its latest survey the results of which were recently published, shows that, by and large, America is philosophically resigned to Miss Vivien Leigh as the heroine of Selznick International's film of Margaret Mitchell's best seller, "Gone With the Wind."

Miss Leigh's selection proved satisfactory to 35 per cent. of the institute's cross-sectional voting list, which in this case (since it was a motion-picture poll) included youngsters of 13. Sixteen per cent were anti-Leigh, 20 per cent. had not made up their minds and 29 per cent. admitted they hadn't even heard of Miss Leigh's capturing the prize feminine role of the year.

Before the casting of Miss Leigh, Bette Davis had been the public's favourite for the role. The question asked was: "Which actress was your choice for Scarlett?" First choice was Miss Davis, with 43 per cent. of the vote. Second was Katharine Hepburn, with 14 per cent. Norma Shearer was third, with 12 per cent.; Miriam Hopkins fourth, with 6 per cent.; and Miss Leigh, Paulette Goddard and a dozen others shared the scattering of 25 per cent.

These figures, the institute explained, were the result of polling readers of the book. But the percentages were about the same among the non-readers.

14,000,000 Readers

On its evidence, the public is not—as frequently reported—"fed up" with "Gone With the Wind." The institute estimates that a total of 14,000,000 persons have read the novel either in whole or in part, that twice as many women as men have been its readers.

Of those who said they expect to see the picture, 57 per cent. said they would rather see it in colour, 21 per cent. thought they would prefer it in black and white and 22 per cent. had no preference. Mr. Selznick, is making it in technicolour.

The institute could not explain how it happened that 29 per cent. of the surveyed, although ostensibly in the picture-going class, had not heard of Miss Leigh's selection for the role. The poll did not begin until two weeks after her designation as Scarlett which made most of the nation's front pages, all of its columns and every radio news broadcast from coast to coast.

The questioned cross-section appeared satisfied with Clark Gable's nomination as Rhett Butler, which they voted the second most interesting character of the novel.

French Club Dance

For two reasons the French Club Dinner Dance next Saturday will be something in the nature of a gala evening. One reason is that this will be the first appearance of the new French Club dance orchestra under the direction of Nick Korin, which will replace the present orchestra who are leaving to fulfil an engagement in Singapore.

The entertainment committee has held an audition of practically every available orchestra, and as a result they believe that they have been successful in securing not only the best dance band but also the finest classical orchestra in town.

The second reason is that for next Saturday, a very fine entertainment programme has been arranged. By almost unanimous request, Svetlanoff and Nikitina have been re-engaged and will present two entirely new numbers.

The full programme follows:—

1.—Adagio Accrobatique ...Trio Astor
2.—Valse .....Nikitina and Svetlanoff
3.—Prelude .....Nina Antares
4.—"La Poupee" Nikitina and Svetlanoff
5.—"Rosita" .....Trio Astor

It is necessary to reserve tables and in the interests of the general body of members, table reservations cannot be hald after 10.30 p.m. if other members are waiting for accommodation.

Amateur Vocalists

The policy of the management of the Winter Garden in awarding prizes to all contestants in the regular Thursday night Amateur Singing Contest has resulted in a steadily increasing number of talented amateur artistes. The Cathay Trio, for instance, has been declared by many patrons to be on par with professional singers. The Cathay Trio and twelve other singers will compete tonight. In addition, there will be a contest in the nature of a surprise, and for a cash prize. The regular entertainment at the Winter Garden is presented by Tony and Nina, Tod Sanborn, Sid Kamau, P. Villa and the singing musician, "Impressario."

Cathay Ballroom

Reservations for dinner at the Cathay Hotel for Saturday in the ballroom are coming in apace and the spacious premises surely will be filled with happy diners and dancers. The floor show, according to the management, will be of more than usual interest, while in the Tower one may expect much from Benino, Bocharoff and Schlittner. In going from one spot to the other, patrons may be assured of a variety of entertainment and dance music.

Gala for Valin

Tonight with the first presentation of Lehar's "Blue Mazurka," the Russian Light Opera are giving a gala performance in honour of their star comedian, V. Valin, who, in this production plays an intricate role. At times he is normal; at times he plays the role of a moron—each done with the nicety, which is all his own. Zorich, Bitner, Kudinoff, Tomsky, Muravieff and Tomsky support, as do Seroff and Manjelei with their ballet ensembles.

Seroff and Manjelei

These talanted dancers do the "Blue Mazurka" at the Lyceum Theatre tonight in the Russian Light Opera's latest production.

New York Censors Ban W.B. Film

"Yes, My Darling Daughter" Condemned After Federal Approval

An unprecedented action was taken by the New York board in the case of a Warner Brothers picture, "Yes, My Darling Daughter," another of those Broadway tales of sex misbehaviour which screen producers seem so quick to pounce on as movie material, writes Harold Heffernan to the "Oreganian."

The screen version of this play, in its somewhat modified form, was given a regulation Hays office seal of approval, but, nevertheless, the New York board banned it from showing anywhere within its jurisdiction—which represents a staggering amount of movie coin. In doing so, the board fell back on a regulation which says any picture classified as "obscene, indecent, immoral inhuman, sacrilegious, or which is of such character that its exhibiton would tend to corrupt morals or incite to crime" is subject to condemnation.

Never before, since establishment of the Breen Bureau, has an entire picture been placed under the ban, though minor eliminations by state boards are not uncommon.

Verdict on General Moral Tone

Warners have launched a bitter fight to salvage their property and get the prohibited picture into circulation in the all-important New York territory. But their prospects of a reversal appear dim, because the board condemned no one scene or group of scenes, but based its verdict on the general moral tone of the entire story.

A pink slip from the New York board is tantamount to a Joe Louis right cross to any picture's chance for success in this country. New York is listed in the movie makers' books as a "16 per cent. state." Which means that, on such a picture as "Yes My Darling Daughter," which carries an expectancy gross in the United States of perhaps a million dollars, approximately $160,000 must be written off as lost.

Adding even deeper gravity to the Warner dilemma is the attitude of six other state censorship boards throughout the country. In the past this little group has shown a faithful tendency to follow suit in any action by the New York board. Should they abide in this instance, Warners would be forced to pass up the revenue from seven states and possibly take a $500,000 loss.

The New York board's action on pictures has become so important to Hollywood studios that prints are speeded across the continent by air express immediately after the previews, so the producers will know exactly where they stand on deletions or revisions before placing bulk orders with the laboratories for prints with which to service all the nation's theatres.

Studios Loss on Revised Plays

There is evidence on every hand to refute the theory that a Broadway name buy is synonymous with movie box-office success. Paramount bought rights to "Sailor Beware" for $150,000, confident it could twist a naughty theme into a passable script. Several scenarios were written from it, but not one could pass censorship. Finally the studio hit on a treatment that was screenable, but it bore not the faintest resemblance to the original. And, just before its release, even the "name" title was changed. The transaction represented an out-right loss.

RKO spent $125,000 for film rights to "Having Wonderful Time," superspicy New York comedy hit, and then tried desperately to clean it. Then purging process proved only fairly successful, and on top of that the studio ran into exorbitant production costs, topped by $200,000 worth of retakes before it could be released. The total budget shot up to more than $1,500,000, and the picture emerged as an ordinary programme film and was accepted by the film-going public only as such.

Bateman-King Recital

A delightful fantasy of childhood will be offered to young and old alike when the pupils of the Bateman-King School of Dancing present their annual recital at the Lyceum Theatre on the afternoons of April 14 and 15. An interesting programme is assured in their choice of the classic "Through the Looking Glass," a sequel to "Alice in Wonderland."

The story of Alice in Wonderland was first told on July 4 1862 to the three small daughters of Henry G. Lidell, Dean of Christchurch College by a mathematics tutor at Oxford, the Rev. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who in his spare time wrote essays under the name of Lewis Carroll. Later he wrote out the story of Alice in Wonderland and gave it to ten year old Alice. The story proved so fascinating to all who read it that in 1872 he wrote the sequel "Through the Looking Glass"—a story of most original charm, and which should when portrayed in dancing provide a delightful entertainment.

Versatile Orchestra

Another of the pleasing novelty numbers will be presented at the Jockey Night Club tonight and for the remainder of the week by Friedrich Schiller, Joachim Lesser, Joe Ardatoff and Freddie, the drummer. The dance band at the Jockey is one of the largest of the intimate night clubs of the city and is also one of the most versatile, each member singing in addition to handling various instruments. The Jockey has made additions to the bar hostesses and is open all night.

During the filming of Columbia's "North of Shanghai," James Craig, featured with Betty Furness, had to wash his hands in one scene. The scene happened to be taken outdoors on a bitterly cold morning. Icy water was out of season in the film's locale—midsummer China—so non-freezing alcohol was substituted.

A painter brought his air gun apparatus to activate the "bubble bath" which served as Miss Oberon's only covering from the prying eye of the camera. Pre-heated towels of gargantuan size were kept in readiness for the star when she should leave the tub, for the set was crowded with visitors with legitimate excuse for being on hand.

Barbara Gilmar

Vocalist with the Orchestra on Sunday and at Easter.

Discovery of Veteran Sound Engineer

Believes Voice Track New "Bertillon" Method

A man can change every characteristic about himself except his fingerprints and the sound track of his voice. Just as individual as the whorls and swoops of his thumb-tips is the "print" left by his voice as recorded by the modern means employed in motion pictures in Hollywood.

Paul Neal, veteran sound man for Samuel Goldwyn, disclosed this fact after making a series of tests with positive prints on speeches by Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon taken from their picture, "The Cowboy and the Lady." One morning, both stars had slight colds, enough to change their voices to the ear, but on the sound tracks they were undeniably the same.

From this meagre clue, Neal worked out a scheme of identification whereby the voice leaves an indelible track and its unmistakable signature on the celluloid film.

Merle Oberon's voice looks like a cross section of a slowly undulating South Seas wave and Cooper's has much the same smooth quality except the slopes of his waves are longer—that's the cowboy drawl—and occasional tones are bitten off short.

"Basically," Neal continued, "it's the tonal structure of the person's voice which shows on the sound track. It is the same principle he said whereby a cello and a violin will record different tracks although they play identically the same note.

"No practical scheme has been devised for cataloguing the various types of voice as the possibilities in this field are as yet unscratched."

With even a more meagre, however, start Bertillon gave to the world the modern-day style of classification and identification of criminals.

Perhaps in the not too distant future, there may be a division of "sound tracking" or voice-printing which will assume the prominence of the fingerprinting division of modern criminal detection plants.

Farrens Floor Show

With four outstanding artistes numbered in their floorshow, Farrens, including the Nursery, offer divertissement for the week-end and also tonight and tomorrow night. The Missouri dinner last night in the Nursery was a "sell-out," patrons being entertained from the ballroom below, while Strasser and his Viennese players provided classical music during dinner and jazz for dancing. Within the next ten days two more show turns will be added to the entertainment bill.

Allyn Joslyn and Victor Kilian are the latest additions to the impressive cast Columbia is bringing together in support of Jean Arthur and Cary Grant in their first starring picture, "Plane No. 4," now being directed by Howard Hawks. Richard Barthelmess, Rita Hayworth, Thomas Mitchell, Sig Rumann and Anthony Quinn, are among those now appearing in this feature.

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PALAIS CAFE.—Cabaret, Swing music. Entertainment.

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TOWER.—Night club. Dinner at 8.30 and dancing at 9.30 p.m. Benino, Bocharoff and Schlittner.

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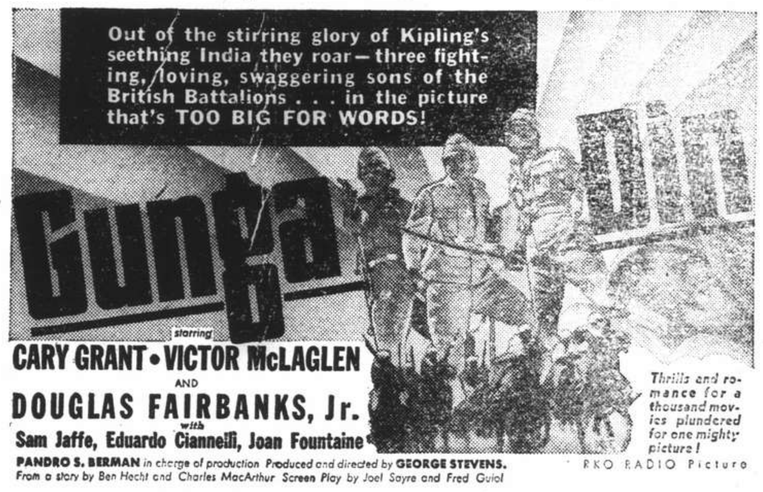
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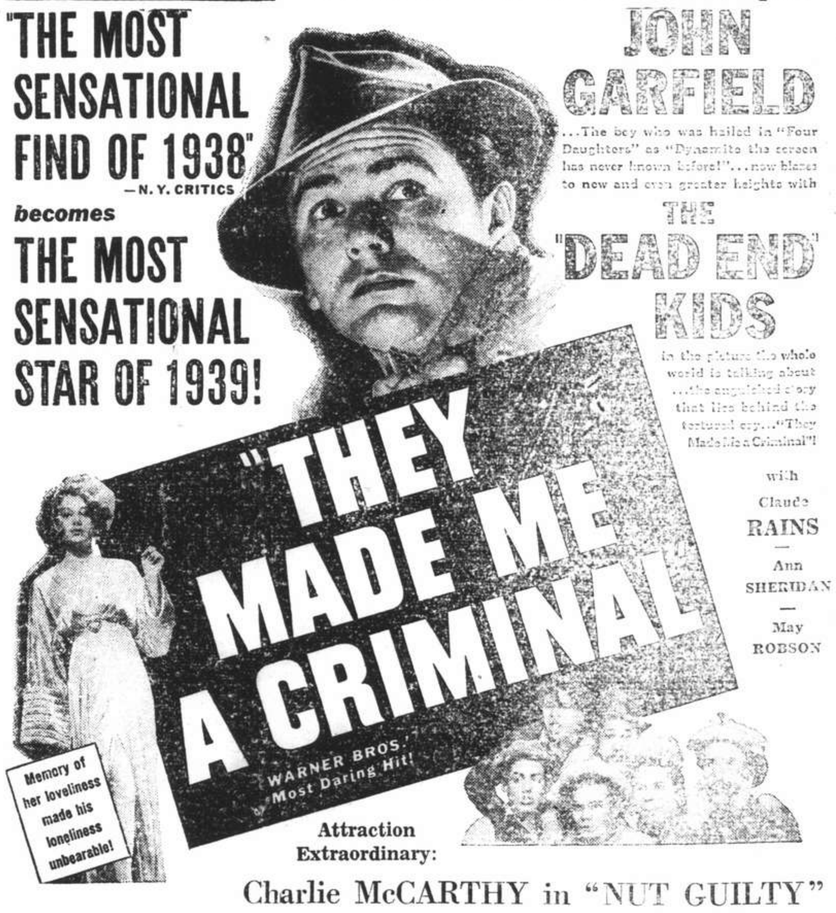

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Lincolnshire Handicap Won By Squadron Castle

Comparative Outsider Beats Halcyon Gift by a Neck; Dark Tolly Takes Third Place

Lincoln, Mar. 22.

TO the surprise of the immense crowd at Lincoln today, it was Squadron Castle, a 40-1 shot, with Mitchell in the saddle who was first past the post in the Lincolnshire Handicap run here over a distance of one mile. The finish was a thrilling one with Squadron Castle just getting the better of Halcyon Gift by a neck while only a half-a-neck separated the latter horse from Dark Tolly in third place, ridden by Richardson. Halcyon Gift, ridden by Gardner started at 100-6 while the starting price of Dark Tolly was 25-1.

The classic, which was the first major event of the flat racing season in England, had 38 starters with Domaha the favourite and was watched by a tremendous crowd despite the prevailing tense political conditions in Europe.

Transport companies announced that the advance booking for accommodation to Lincoln was as large as ever and the general interest in the great race rose to the heights of previous years.

None of the first five favourites managed to place, Halcyon Gift being the only one conceded a strong chance.

The following also ran:

Galsonia (Cliff Richards), Domaha (Gordon Richards), Aldine (Robertson), Mahalo (Mullins), Burgundian (Nevett), Zaimis (Sirett), Rosetown (Gilbert), St. Andrews (Gethin), Smy (Harry Wragg), Temeraire (Sam Wragg), Agincourt (E. Smith), Davy Dolittle (Beasley), Daily Bread (Christie), Dundee II (Roberts), Flaxman (Taylor), Tap Dancer (Hawcroft), Pantryman (Maher), Croiseu (Beary), Noble Turk (D. Smith), Mickey Bulger (Weston), Malmsey (Bartlam), Septuagint (Jas Doyle), San Marco (Packham), Finden (Dyson), Monico (Doyle), Sir Pomm (Wells), Hoity Toity (W. Couch), Crystal Palace (Griggs), Lincolnshire (Littlewood), Horatio (Burns, Jnr.), Lodestar (Clayton), Labora (Eddery), Couleur de Rose (Young), Acilus (Dick), Love Dancer (Lane).—Reuter.

Grand National Prospects

Much Optimism Voiced by Owners, Trainers; Classic To Be Run Tomorrow

London. Mar. 21.

Considering the tremendous odds against any horse even finishing in the Grand National, which is to be run at Aintree on Friday, over a course of four miles and 856 yards, many owners and trainers are singularly optimistic over their prospects.

Mr. Goldsmith, trainer of Black Hawk, considers that his protegee stands a "very good chance."

Mr. Beeby, trainer of Brendan's Cottage and Rock Quilla, says that the former has an "excellent chance" in the big race on Friday. Rock Quilla, he states, also likes Aintree.

Mr. Arthur Sainsbury, owner of Blueshirt, declares that his mount is "much better than last year," when he was under the care of the well-known trainer, Mr. Bridgman.

The trainer of Inversible says that this mount has a "winning chance."

Mr. Walker, trainer of Royal Danieli, expects his protegee to "give a good show," while Mr. Rimell, trainer of Teme Willow, considers that mount to be a "typical Aintree type."

Sir Alexander Maguire, the owner of Workman, is also very hopeful of his prospects.

Thousands Book Seats

In spite of the European situation, the railways and air companies report the usual gigantic business as thousands book seats for transport to Aintree. All sportsmen are eagerly looking forward to Friday's great contest.

Women owners have a strong hand—Mrs. Marion Scott, winner of last year's Grand National with her champion Battleship, which has now retired, runs War Vessel in this year's race.

Many critics think that Miss Dorothy Paget has a better horse in Kilstar than in Golden Miller.

Mrs. Camille Clifford Evans, the former well-known actress, has Royal Mail, the only previous winner in the race, in tip-top condition.

All agree that Mrs. Smith Bingham's Brendan's Cottage must have an outstanding chance.—Reuter.

The horses who took second and third places respectively in last year's Grand National, Royal Danieli and Workman, are fancied to go one better in this year's race.

The owner of the latter, Sir Alexander Maguire, is extremely hopeful that he will take the trophy back to Eire with him.

Scotland has two prominent runners in MacMoffat and Inversible.—Reuter.

Marine Engineers' Cup Has Long History

Names of First Players to Battle for Trophy

The Shanghai Engineers' Challenge Cup was competed for by only two teams—Shanghai Football Club and The Marine Engineers Football Team—when the first match was played on February 12, 1891 and these two continued each year until 1912. The first team put forward by the latter was composed of: Goal—W. Davies; Backs—Capt. J. Angus and M. B. Anderson; Halfbacks—G. McGibbon, W. S. Barclay and R. B. Mauchan: Right Wing—J. C. Thompson and R. Logan, Left Wing—S. Whitehead and F. M. Donald with W. S. Campbell as Centre.

This fixture was played with varying fortune, year by year, the Shanghai Football Club winning ten games and the Marine Engineers winning nine games, while there were two games drawn.

It is interesting to recall some of the players of these teams whose names are so well known to old Shanghai hands, R. B. and A. C. Mauchen, W. A. Burkill, W. S. Campbell, E. C. Pearce, W. H. and A. J. H. Moule, A. E. Lanning, H. Veitch, B. Anderton, J. Prentice, J. Ross, H. C. G. Wilson, E. Middleton, F. Brandt, A. Sharp, H. B. Ollerdessen, F. N. Matthws, W. A. Turnbull, W. E. Leckie, R. Aitkenhead, G. M. Billings, E. I. M. Barrett, W. J. Gande and A. H. Leslie.

The Cup naturally has a place of eminence in the Library of the Shanghai Engineers' Club in the Wayfoong House.

Baseball Odds and Ends

New York, Mar. 9.

Did you know that Johnny Vander Mere's entrance into professional baseball was via the movies? He was selected as the hero of a promotional film that was never developed or circulated. He was supposed to typify the average American boy. The job gave him entrance into the Dodgers' spring training camp where his performance justified a trial. But Brooklyn and later, the Boston Bees, let him slip through their fingers to the Reds. Curiously enough, it was just these clubs, the Dodgers and the Bees, who were on the wrong end of Vander Meer's two consecutive no-hitters last year.

Mid-Western experts think that it will be quite a job to beat next season's Yankees. Cleveland, Detroit and the Red Sox are picked to give the Yanks their hardest fight, of course, but Oral Hilde-brand is figured to help on the mound.—United Press.

Importance of Putting Skill Emphasized

Tracking Down "Hot Tip" At the Race Track

By HENRY MCLEMORE

Honolulu, Mar. 10.

This is not a story for general publication. It is a private memorandum to all persons who have the same two weaknesses that I have; namely, preferring to hit a long tee shot above anything else on the golf course, and an inability to resist betting on any tips heard at a race track.

Those of you who don't have either of these weaknesses in your makeup will please stop reading this right now, or cross your heart that you won't tell a soul about it.

About long tee shots: It would seem that they mean little or nothing. I talked to Jimmy Thomson, Sammy Snead and Lawson Little about it, and being three of the longest hitters in the world their words count for something. Each one of them assured me that he would gladly take thirty yards off his drive in exchange for an inch or two more of accuracy on the putting green.

All-Important Tap

"A long tee shot is fine for publicity purposes," Thomson said, and earns you a lot of nicknames such as 'Bomber' and 'Seige Gun' and 'Big Bertha,' but no man has ever won a tournament by hitting them a mile down the fairway. The tap that you have to give a ball that hangs on the lip of the cup, counts just the same as the tap you give it to send it 275 yards off the tee."

Thomson would gladly give Houton Smith some of his power off the tee for some of Horton's "feel" on the greens. Little and Snead agreed with Thomson, but would prefer to swap with Harry Cooper, the man they regard as the greatest of all putters. Little and Snead admit that Smith has the finest eye in the business, and can "read" strange greens more quickly than anyone else, but they do not believe that his putting stroke is equal in mechanical perfection to Cooper's.

Sounds Very Strange

All of this sounded very strange to me, because your average golfer would rather hit a long tee shot than sink a 20-foot putt. With us, the brave band that plays "two-bit" golf, the tee shot is the bread and meat of our existence. When we thunder one 200 yards down the fairway it is because our swing is perfect. When we sink a long putt it is because our luck is holding.

Next to hitting long drives, most of us like to get a hot tip on a race. In the interest of science I recently decided to trace down the source of one hot tip that spread around Santa Anita and had me, for one, doing a Jesse Owens toward the mutuel window. In looking over my programme I saw a horse named Joe Sam, and I mentioned to Spencer Tracy, who dies at the race track as often as he does on the screen, that I had once known a boy named Joe Sam. I then wandered away and ten minutes later I got an extra hot tip on Joe Sam and rushed to get all the change I had left in my pocket on his nose.

When I traced my "hot" tip back, here is what had happened:

Source of "Hot Tip"

When I left Tracy, Oliver Hardy came up and asked Tracy who he liked in the next race. Tracy said, "The only thing I have heard mentioned is Joe Sam." Hardy went to Joe E. Brown and said that he had just had a tip on Joe Sam. Brown hurried over to share the "good thing" with Florence Rice. Florence gave it to her mother, who gave it to Grantland Rice, who gave it to Bing Crosby, who gave it to Frank Lloyd, who gave it to Frank Condon, who rushed over to me and said:

"Pal, we'll get all even this race. There's a thing named Joe Sam who can't miss."

Joe Sam didn't miss. Didn't miss being fourth, that is. Now I know where one hot tip was born. In Georgia, and his name was Joe Sam, and I'm sorry I ever knew him.—United Press.

Taking the Final Fence

Happy Result (G. Wilson up) the winner and nearest the camera, taking the final fence in the Tantiry 'Chase at Gatwick recently with Citadel (centre) and Repeater.

Fourth Extra Race Meeting

More Griffins Expected To Provide Interesting Competition

Entries closed last Monday for Saturday's races and are most satisfactory. There are three races closed to 1939 griffins, of which sixty have been entered, with more than half of them ponies that as yet have not started, making all three races exceptionally interesting, and the griffin winners at the 2nd Extra meeting, may find some out against them on Saturday difficult nuts to crack.

A few gallops of interest took place on Tuesday morning. The one to call for most comment was the 1¼ mile put up by Newcastle, who with Roehampton following behind, rattled off this distance in 2.54.2, last mile 2.18.2, last quarter on a tight rain in 31. He is in a mile race on Saturday, and despite the high class of the opposition he has to meet, I shall expect to see him come well out of it.

Wednesday morning opened very misty and it was 7 a.m. before the ponies galloping could be seen clearly from the Stands when passing the different quarter posts. Interest was centred on the ones likely to be starters on Saturday. Cordon Rouge went an attractive training gallop of one mile, doing it in 2.16.4, last half 1.05.4, last quarter 30.

Un Un Un did his mile in 2.16.4, last quarter 33.4; Gold Vase his in 2.16.2, last quarter 33; Mou Tan Hua and Corps Cavalry together in 2.19.2, last quarter 31.4; Cordon Bleu 2.19, last quarter 32.2; Merrylight 2.18.3, last quarter 30.4; Busted Contract 2.23.3, last quarter 33.3. Dow Jones 2.21.3, last quarter 33.3, Cottonlight and Pearlylight together in 2.16.3, last quarter 33.4.

Some Griffin Gallops

Amongst the griffins that may start on Saturday I noticed the following at work. Bulletin who was a good third in his ¾ mile race on the 11th put up as good a griffin mile as I saw done during the morning. It was 2.16.4, but as it was done in the mist I could not get the first or last quarter correctly. His stable mate Vim was two seconds slower over his mile.

Anything Goes cantered only, doing 1¼ mile in 3.10.3, last quarter 34. Bombardier, one mile in 2.25.1, last quarter 33.2; Haiphong 2.17.4, last quarter 32. Jim Pote Hunt was out on a couple of "Cire" griffins that he may ride in Saturday's races. Joylight did one mile in 2.18.2, last quarter 34.2, and Fairylight a similar distance in 2.20 last quarter 31.4.

Purpleray put up a poor finish to his mile done in 2.26.3. Citylight did his mile in 2.19 last quarter 35, whilst Prince Charles over a similar distance took 2.25, last quarter 33.3.

Cram was out on Columbus taking him a mile in 2.22, last quarter 33.2, with none too impressive a finish. Mr. Deeds did his ¾ mile in 1.43, last quarter 33. From the gallops done the griffin races on Saturday look to be much more open than at one time though possibly J. Pote-Hunt's mounts from the "Cire" stable may prove to be better ponies than their gallops indicated.

Three Strikes Win Ten-Pin Final

Columbia Club Acorns Defeat Race Club

The championship in the "B" Division of the Shanghai Inter-Club Ten Pins League was fought down to the last stretch last night at the Shanghai Race Club where the home team, winners of the 1937-38 season, bowed in defeat to the Columbia Country Club Acorns by four games to three.

At the end of the first three games which were played off a week ago, the Acorns had gained a 2-1 lead but the defending champions put up a stern fight last night to force a seventh game. The score in the deciding game was nip and tuck, there being no more than twenty pins between the two sides.

Before the anchor men on the two teams started, the Race Club was ahead by two pins. Floyd James rolled first and J. O. Pote-Hunt bowled next but the former gained no less than three strikes to win the game by a two-pin margin at 832-830.

Emil Gensburger showed surprising from by getting 254 pins to beat the former record of 246 set by Messersmith.

C.C.C. ACORNS

Lemont	149	156	185	173	633
Bourne	171	140	170	163	641
Dalton	149	171	162	171	603
Heibel	153	149	149	149	597
James	163	176	189	179	707
	785	742	855	832	3,214

RACE CLUB

Xavier	151	149	193	167	660
Hall	121	193	160	171	635
Cooper	165	164	142	179	650
Gensburger	254	140	159	157	610
Pote-Hunt	182	147	211	156	706
	773	783	865	830	3,251

TRAINING GALLOPS

IN fine but misty weather on a soft track yesterday morning, Shanghai's race ponies went through their paces again in preparation for Saturday's Fourth Extra Race Meeting at the S.R.C. No sensationally fast times were recorded, the details being as under. An unusually large number of griffins was out for training gallops yesterday morning, many of them being ponies that have not yet had a chance to show what they can do in a race meeting and despite the mist, critical eyes along the rails were following their progress around the track.

(GRIFFINS OF 1939)

PONY & RIDER	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	1m.	1¼m.	1½m.	Last ¼
Russetray, Boy	38	1.15	1.50	2.24			34
Social Hall, Boy	36	1.10	1.42.2	2.16			33.3
Sunnylight, Boy	37	1.12	1.46	2.18			32
Tar Heel, Boy	41	1.19	1.53	2.24			31
The Redcap, I. H. Howell	38	1.13	1.46	2.20			34
The Woodtrush, A. Noodt	38	1.13	1.46	2.20			34
Town Hall, Boy	37	1.11	1.44	2.18			33
Vim, R. D. Parkin	—	—	1.45.2	2.19			33.3
Wonderful Rush, Boy	41	1.19	1.54	2.27			33
Purpleray, F. Noodt	36	1.16	1.51	2.26			35
Primroseray, F. Noodt	41	1.19	1.56	2.30	3.02.2		32.2
Playboy, V. L. Xavier	37.2	1.13	1.47.2	2.20.2			33
Neptune, G. Renner	40	1.16.3	1.51	2.23.3			32.3
Mistylight, E. B. Moller	37	1.12.2	1.46	2.18			32
Lord Lister, Boy	34	1.08	1.43				35
Cricket, Boy	37	1.11	1.43.3	2.16.3			35
Faust, J. B. Lok	38	1.14	1.47	2.21.2			34.2
Haiphong, M. H. Feeney	38.2	1.15	1.48	2.20			32
Columbus, G. P. Gram	39	1.15	1.49	2.21.3			32.3
Bulletin, R. D. Parkin	—	—	—	2.15			34
Brown Bomber, G. P. Gram	35	1.10.3	1.45.3	2.19.3			33
Fusilier, Boy	40	1.18	1.55	2.29	3.02		33
Bombardier, F. Noodt	43	1.18.3	1.52	2.25			33
Saigon, M. H. Feeney	34	1.11.2	1.46.2	2.22	2.57		35
Macao Beauty, Boy	38	1.13	1.47	2.20			33
Hongkong Beauty, Boy	36	1.12	1.46	2.18.2	2.51		32.3
Joylight, J. Pote-Hunt	37	1.11.2	1.44.2	2.18			33.3
Anything Goes, J. Sparke	35	1.17	1.58	2.35	310		32
Mr. Deeds, H. Maitland	35	1.08.2	1.40.2				32
Wintrylight, Boy	40	1.19	1.54	2.26			32
Cherryray, Boy	41	1.19	1.56	2.30	3.02.2		32.2
Chengtu, V. G. Sung	37	1.11	1.44	2.18			34
Fleeting Bow, F. Marshall	40	1.17.3	1.53	2.25			32
Fleeting Gull, Boy	41	1.19	1.54.2	2.27			32.3
Danbury, Boy	37	1.11.3	1.44.3	2.16.3			32
White Night, Boy	41	1.21	1.58	2.32			34
Fleeting Bolt, F. Marshall	33	1.15	1.50.3	2.24			33.2
Citylight, ?	37	1.11.3	1.44.3	2.18			33.2
Fairylight, J. Pote-Hunt	33.3	1.14	1.48	2.20			32
Prince John, ?	33	1.14	1.47	2.20			33
Prince Charles, ?	33	1.14	1.47	2.20			33
Bell Hop, H. Maitland	41	1.18	1.54	2.27			33
Bingo, F. Noodt	40	1.18	1.55	2.29	3.01.2		32.3
A/218 Shes., G. P. Gram	38.3	—	1.50	2.23	2.56.3		33.3
A/189 Bay, G. P. Gram	38	1.13	1.49	2.23	2.55.3		32.3
A/209, Ches. J. Pote-Hunt	39	1.16	1.50	2.22			32
A/192 Grey, J. B. Lok	40	1.16.2	1.50	2.22			32
A/193 Dun, Boy	36	1.16	1.43.3	2.18			34.2
A/195 Grey, Boy	36	1.10	1.42.3	2.18			34.2

(1ST CLASS & UNCLASSIFIED PONIES)

Autumnlight, Boy	39	1.16	1.50	2.22			32
Bagshot, Boy	36.2	1.11.2	1.44	2.15.2			31.2
Bober, Boy	—	—	1.57	2.29			32
Busted Straight, Boy	38	1.15	1.49	2.21			32
Cherrylight, Boy	42.3	1.21	1.55	2.25.3			30.3
Corps Cavalry, A. A. White	39	1.15	1.48.3	2.20.3			32
Flying High, H. Maitland	39	—	1.47	2.20.3			33.3
Flyinglight, Boy	37	1.13	1.47	2.20			33
Frostylight, Boy	37.2	1.12.2	1.47.2	2.20			32.3
Gold Vase, Mrs. Liddell	36	—	1.43.2	2.15.2			32
Honeymoon Gift, Boy	39	1.16	1.50	2.23			33
Mou Tan Hua, H. M. R. Hodgman	39	1.15	1.48.2	2.20.2			33
Phantom, Boy	37	1.16.2	1.43.2				33
Plainsman, ?	35	1.08.3	1.40				31.2
The Frigate, Boy	40	1.17.3	1.52	2.24			32
Un Un Un, G. P. Gram	35	1.16	1.43	2.16.4			33.4
Woodbridge, Boy	36.2	1.11.2	1.44	2.15.2			31.2
Winsor Lad, H. Maitland	—	—	—	2.16.2			33.2
Socrates, I. H. Howell	37.3	1.17.3	**1.46.3**	**2.19**			33.2
Don Pedro, C. G. Jack	43	1.19	1.52	2.25			33
Rigodon, A. C. Kew	35	1.10	1.43	2.18			35
Mountaineer, A. Noodt	39.3	1.16	1.54.3	2.29	3.03		34

(2ND CLASS PONIES)

Athenian Knight, Boy	41	1.16.3	1.53	2.26			33
Beautylight, Boy	39	1.15	1.50	2.22.2			33.2
Busted Contract, Boy	41	1.18.2	1.51.2	2.22.2			31
Cordon Bleu, Mrs. Liddell	37.3	1.14	1.47	2.18.3			31.3
Dow Jones, G. P. Gram	38	1.14.3	1.49	2.21.3			32.3
Duke of Cornwall, Boy	—	—	—	—	3.13		—
Fancylight, E. B. Moller	42	1.22	1.59	2.34.2	3.07		32.3
Friesenfels, Boy	33	1.16	1.52	2.25	2.58		33
Libertylight, Boy	39.3	1.16	1.50	2.23			33
Mightylight, C. B. Moller	39	1.16	1.50	2.22			33
Pearlylight, E. B. Moller	36	1.09	1.42.2	2.15.2			33
Port St. Mary, E. Kermode	37	1.13.2	—	2.23.2	2.57		33.2
Sammy, G. Renner	38	1.16	1.49.3	2.23			33.2
Snappylight, C. B. Moller	39	1.15	1.48	2.20			32
Sootylight, Boy	38.2	1.14	1.48	2.20			32
The Swan, A. Noodt	40	1.17.3	1.52	2.24			32

(3RD & 5A CLASS PONIES)

Blenheim, Boy	42	—	—	2.37	3.09		32
Charminglight, Boy	42	1.20	1.57	2.30			33
Cottonlight, Boy	36	1.09	1.42	2.15			33
Evesham, Boy	38	1.15	1.51	2.25	2.58		33
Houdini, G. P. Gram	38	1.15	1.48.3	2.21.2	2.56		34.3
Ideal King, H. M. R. Hodgman	38.3	1.15	1.49.2	2.22			33.2
Keep Off, G. Pollock	35	1.17	1.58	2.35	3.10		35
Little Joe, Boy	37	1.11.2	1.45	2.17			32
Off Chance, R. D. Parkin	33	1.10	1.46.2	2.18			31.3
Record Mark, Boy	35	1.09.3	1.43				33.2
Romford, Boy	39.3	1.17	1.51.3	2.24			32.2
Sober Morn, Boy	40	1.18	1.53	2.26.3			32.2
The Myna, Boy	39.3	1.18	1.54.2	2.29	3.03		34
Magic Shell, Boy	41	1.18	1.54	2.27			33
Man O'Zest, V. L. Xavier	39	1.16	1.50	2.22			32
Man O'Zeal, Boy	40	1.15	1.48	2.21			33

CANIDROME
TO-DAY AT 5 30 P.M

Colony Interport Team Due Soon

Women's Hockey Players Preparing to Entertain Visitors

With the grounds at the Race Course being closed to winter sports, women's hockey will be played at Kiaochow Park this week-end when another set of trial games are to take place.

The Hongkong team will probably arrive on April 6 or 7 and will spend some ten days in Shanghai. During their stay the visitors will play at least three matches. The first encounter will obviously be against the Shanghai Interport XI with the date of the match being set for Saturday, April 8. The second tussle will be against the Greens, local champions for the past two seasons, while the third and probably the last fixture will be against the Rest of Shanghai.

The visitors will be assured of a royal welcome. The Special Entertainment Committee, headed by Miss E. Bloomfield, has arranged an extremely attractive programme for the southerners. The first item on the programme will be a welcome tiffin on the day of the arrival. Following this function will be a tea and a Chinese dinner, the dates and place to be arranged presently.

The Interport Dance will be held at the Shanghai Race Club. A large attendance is expected as practically all the hockey players will be present.

After this week-end's trials, starting at 2.45 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday afternoon, the Interport Committee will most likely be able to announce the line-up. Next Monday a meeting will be held, at 5.30 p.m., at the Y.W.C.A. at 999 Bubbling Well Road. It has been requested that one representative from each of the ladies hockey teams be present.

Because of the lack of grounds, no games in the Wooden Spoon Competition are arranged for this week-end.

Don Budge Calls Riggs World's Best Amateur

Sabin Ranked Second in U.S. Tennis List

Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 20.

Donald Budge has deserted his old doubles partner, Gene Mako, to name Wayne Sabin as the best bet for No. 2 player on the next U.S. Davis Cup team.

Budge, here for a match with Ellsworth Vines in their tour to decide the national professional championship, pointed to Sabin's clean sweep of Florida tournaments this winter as the basis for the slender Los Angeles netman's claims for Davis Cup consideration.

In the four tournaments he won in Florida, Sabin trounced Mako three times in the finals.

Budge and Vines agreed that Bobby Riggs of Chicago virtually was a cinch for the No. 1 post on the American Davis Cup team. Budge believes that Riggs was the best amateur in the United States and probably in the world.

Jack Bromwich, the Australian who swings with either hand and often both, was named by Budge as probably seconds to Riggs among the world's simon-pure netmen.

Budge and Vines mentioned Bryan (Bitsy) Grant of Atlanta and Frankie Parker of Spring Lake, N.J., as Davis Cup possibilities in the event Sabin's game does not hold up in spring tournaments.—United Press.

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British Service Men Turn to Billiards

Various Cup Competitions To Begin Shortly

British Service units stationed from time to time in Shanghai have always been renowned for their prowess at almost every game under the sun and it comes as no surprise to learn that billiards and snooker competitions have been organized for the entire garrison here. Three tournaments have been arranged and play will begin shortly. Details are as follows:

Twelve teams of six members have entered for the Junior Ranks Billiards Competition, each side to play home and away with all other teams, matches to be mutually arranged between units, with the home side having the choice of venue. Ten points will be scored for each game won by each individual. The Area Commander has very kindly agreed to provide funds for the purchase of a trophy for annual competition.

Teams entered: 2/East Surreys—"A", "B", "C", "D" and H. Q. Companies; 1/Seaforths—"A", "B", "C", "D" and H. Q. Companies; Area Details and R.A.M.C.

Four sides in the shape of the Garrison Sergeants Mess, East Surreys Sergeants Mess, Seaforths Sergeants Mess and R.A.M.C. Sergeants Mess have signified their intention of entering for the Sergeants' Mess Billiards Competition, which will be conducted on lines similar to those outlined above for the Junior Ranks event.

The Union Jack Club, well known for the good work it does among servicemen, has offered to present a cup for annual competition for a Knock-Out Snooker Tournament. Eight sides have entered for this event as follows: 2/East Surreys—Sergeants' Mess and Junior Ranks, 1/Seaforths—Sergeants' Mess and Junior Ranks; Area Details—Junior Ranks; R.A.M.C.—Sergeants' Mess and Junior Ranks and Garrison Sergeants' Mess.

Boxing Tourney Entered By Georgia Legislator

Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 20.

M. A. Looper, 23-year-old member of the Georgia house of representatives, plans to carry his legislative battling ability into the boxing ring.

Looper, a 128-pounder from Dawson county in the Georgia mountains, has entered the Atlanta Golden Glove boxing tournament.

"I used to box a little with the boys around my home county," Looper said, "and when I came to Atlanta for the legislature, I decided I'd try it again."—United Press.

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Annual Lawn Bowls Meeting

W. J. Monk Re-elected President of Association; Highly Successful Season Foreseen

THE annual meeting of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association was held yesterday evening at the Shanghai Engineers' Club, Mr. W. J. Monk, the retiring president, taking the chair. Before commencing his commentary on the events of the past season, Mr. Monk expressed his appreciation to the delegates of the various clubs for the co-operation which they had given to him during the year, his second season in office. The thanks of those present, he said, should also be extended to those representatives who had served on the Association Committee and, for particular mention, Mr. P. W. Ephgrave who combined so efficiently the post of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The bowling conditions of 1938 were a great improvement on those of 1937, especially as far as those clubs situated on the north side of the Creek were concerned. The good work, he said, of Mr. W. J. Kerr, the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces, and his staff got all the nothern and eastern greens in good condition in time for the opening of the season. "Difficulties, such as unrestricted access, arose but it is gratifying to be able to state that each club was able to carry out its engagements in full."

The results of the various Association competitions were indicated upon the printed reports before the meeting and congratulations had been conveyed to the various at the close of the season. "Occasion must be taken, however, to compliment Mr. H. Wallace and his team for the fine results of the Interport series played in Hongkong. A visit is expected from a Hongkong side this year, but it is very doubtful if Hankow will be able to come to Shanghai."

Better Conditions Foreseen

The conditions for the coming season would not appear to be any more difficult than those of last; they should, in fact, be easier. The full league and championship programmes should be carried through and the promised Interport should give a great stimulus to general play.

On account of the abnormal conditions last spring the second division of the League was abandoned bringing an extension of three rink games to four rinks in the first. This question has again been under review and there appeared to be a well supported opinion that the old system, two divisions and three rink games, would be an advantage. This would particularly help those clubs who were numerically weak and found it difficult to turn out sixteen men sufficiently strong who could uphold the particular club's reputation as it would like. A further advantage of such a change is that a higher standard of bowling is likely to be attained with teams consisting of a smaller number of players.

During the past few years there have been a few changes in the laws of bowling. Up-to-date rules have been received from the International Bowling Board and it is suggested that these rules should be incorporated in the new local handbook which it is hoped will be available by the time the season opens. The information received from the I.B.B. includes guidance upon the duties of markers and umpires, upon which point there has been some doubt in the past. Also, in the handbooks, stress will be laid upon the rules governing entries to local competitions.

Healthy Accounts

The Association accounts could be termed to be in a healthy condition. In this connection the President tendered thanks to Mr. C. M. Sequeira for having again been good enough to audit them.

Before closing his address and throwing the meeting open for general discussion, Mr. Monk thanked the Shanghai Engineers' Club for the use of their premises in holding the general and committee meetings.

The question of the three-rink game was then aired and representatives from each club indicated that they were in favour of a reversion to the old practice. Mr. G. H. Akerman also expressed the hope that in view of the possible difficulties regarding transport north of the Creek other clubs would co-operate in the arrangements for the week-end games by in some way pooling the means available.

Mr. J. E. Harvey put forward the suggestion that entries for the Open Championships might be made individual rahter than Club entries whilst Mr. d'Almeida thought that an international competition might be included in the season's programme.

President Re-elected

It was announced by Mr. Monk that there was a new club joining the Association during the coming year, the Barbarians with greens in Kiaochow Road. It was doubtful whether they would enter the League but would take part in the championships. Also, an invitation had been extended by the Victoria Association of Melbourne to any member of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association who will be in Australia at the time to enter the championship tournaments which will take place in December 1939 and January 1940.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Akerman thanked, on behalf of the Association, Mr. Monk for having carried out so ably and conscientiously his duties as President during the season.

Immediately after the meeting the delegates of the clubs retired into committee and it was later announced that Mr. Monk had been unanimously elected the Association's President for the coming year.

Squash Rackets Championships

Entries Will Close on March 31 for Senior And Junior Titles

Invitations to the various clubs taking part in the squash rackets league to send in entries for the Senior and Junior Squash Rackets Championships for the season 1938-39 have been sent out by the Hon. Secretary of this association. Contrary to past practice the Senior Championship entry list is open and will not be confined to those who were asked to take part in this tournament in past years. Hence anyone who feels himself sufficiently good to take part in the Senior Championship need have no qualms in entering that section of the tournament. Entry lists for these two championships will close on March 31 and contestants are urged to send in their names as early as possible.

Interest in the senior championship this year will be centred on the performances of L. D. Carson and D. Green. Green has been the outstanding performer this season in the league having come through his list of engagements without a defeat. Nevertheless there are many who consider Carson the better player and the match will provide some extraordinarily good play, as it seems almost certain that the two will win their way through the eliminating rounds to the final. H. K. Cassels is still a force to be reckoned with in squash circles and his entry will see good competition for the first named two, despite his advanced age.

Eligible Players

Of the other eligibles for championship honours there are: E. B. Cumine, M. Benavitch, J. W. Pote-Hunt and L. H. Wade of the Race Club. These four players are very evenly matched and should all provide good competition in the tournament. From the Foreign Y.M.C.A. players such as J. P. Hawes, J. Berglof and M. Green will probably be in the senior category together with D. Green. R. Berglof has shown up well in the junior division of squash and may have a shot at the Senior championship, although he has very much more of a chance of winning the junior which he has every right to enter for. The Columbia Country Club has C. C. Squires and H. G. Nelson to back up Carson's entry, while the Rowing Club will probably enter W. Neugebauer, S. Godkin, G. W. Morris and H. G. Fabian.

From second division ranks, Capt. J. R. Cole, H. Maitland W. R. McCutcheon are good enough to enter the senior if they desire, their form in matches being sufficiently good to place them in the senior category.

The Junior championship should be a very open thing, depending on the entries from the above-named Junior League players taking part in the senior. If they enter the junior, then the issue will be between Berglof, Maitland, Cole and McCutcheon.

Contestants are reminded that the entry lists close on March 31.

Canidrome Results

1—440 yd. flat.—1, Betty; 2, Baloney. Also ran:—Chihli Grey Wolf, Paper Boy, Snow Dale, Jorrock's Alone. Short head.—Time, 27.07. Win, $27.90. Forecast (1-4) Div. $93.40. Place, 1st $11.20; 2nd $14.60.

2—500 yd. flat.—1, Poppyland II; 2, Bowster Boy. Also ran:—Tragapan, Paying Teller, The Stowaway, Hei Jen Ya Kiao. 1½ length.—Time, 30.93. Win, $27.00. Forecast (5-4) Div. $58.00. Place, 1st $8.30; 2nd $6.20. Double Event 1/2 (1-5) Div. $145.30.

3—500 yd. flat.—1, State Lottery; 2, Dah Chong. Also ran:—Dalebird, Terminjay, Simple Dale, Adam's Choice. 1 length.—Time, 31.03. Win, $25.10. Forecast (3-4) Div. $110.20. Place, 1st $12.90; 2nd $10.10. Double Event 2/3 (5-3) Div. $80.70.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Trump Card; 2, Outlaw. Also ran:—Wanderful Bernil, Maskee Lose, Fearless Foe, Happy Glen. 2½ lengths.—Time, 30.24. Win, $43.90. Forecast (2-5) Div. $100.50. Place, 1st $12.90; 2nd $7.30. Double Event 3/4 (3-2) Div. $183.60.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Bouzou; 2, Partia. Also ran:—Countess Verde, Broute, Pat Koo, Donnybrook. Short head.—Time, 30.63. Win, $60.60. Forecast (5-1) Div. $195.40. Place, 1st $29.10; 2nd $9.60. Double Event 4/5 (2-5) Div. $436.90.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Distinction; 2, High Brow. Also ran:—Busa, Blue Moon, Lone Tess, Sweet Well. 2 lengths.—Time, 30.22. Win, $32.20. Forecast (4-3) Div. $98.10. Place, 1st $10.00; 2nd $18.20. Double Event 5/6 (5-4) Div. $174.50.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Bandit; 2, Wild Charm. 1½ length.—Time, 30.14. Win, $17.00. Forecast (2-3) Div. $119.00. Place, 1st $9.60; 2nd $10.40. Double Event 6/7 (4-2) Div. $66.70.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Gitana; 2, Le Butin. ½ length.—Time, 30.26. Win, $13.10. Forecast (6-3) Div. $59.80. Place, 1st $6.50; 2nd $10.20. Double Event 7/8 (2-6) Div. $35.30.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Mad Dale; 2, Big Shot. 2 lengths.—Time, 30.12. Win, $29.60. Forecast (2-5) Div. $137.20. Place, 1st $16.80; 2nd $13.50. Double Event 8/9 (6-2) Div. $27.50.

10—525 yd. flat.—1, Great Wall; 2, Shanghai Bill. 4 lengths.—Time, 31.46. Win, $31.30. Forecast (1-2) Div. $213.20. Place, 1st $17.10; 2nd $9.40. Double Event 9/10 (2-1) Div. $73.50.

11—525 yd. flat.—1, Flying Duchess; 2, Lavondale. 3 lengths.—Time, 30.52. Win, $22.40. Forecast (4-1) Div. $157.90. Place, 1st $11.00; 2nd $10.30. Double Event 10/11 (1-4) Div. $66.30.

12—500 yd. flat.—1, Cross Bow; 2, Shanghai Mist. 2 lengths.—Time, 30.21. Win, $29.10. Forecast (6-3) Div. $41.50. Place, 1st $11.20; 2nd $7.40. Double Event 11/12 (4-6) Div. $34.10.

Footballers Become Police War Reserves

Sixteen members of the Crystal Palace Football Club have joined the Metropolitan Police War Reserve and are attached to "X" (Croydon) Division. Here the score of the chest measurement is being called out as they are measured for uniforms. N. Collins is the model in the picture.

Police Sports Get Heavy Entries

Local Athletes Respond In Large Numbers to Open Events

With the Annual Police Sports just over a month away, it is learned that entries for the many events that will be staged on the grounds of the Shanghai American School, Avenue Petain, are rolling in thick and fast. In fact, from all appearances it seems entries will constitute the largest yet known.

A fine response has already been received from local athletes interested in the many Open Events and before the lists close many more are anticipated. At any rate, the large crowd that customarily gathers at this splendid Track and Field meet can look forward, with a great deal of pleasure, to seeing the finest of Shanghai's athletes on view in strenuous competition.

In the Open Tug-O'-War event, holders of which are the Municipal Police, entries have been received from the East Surreys, French Forces (two teams), Seaforth Highlanders (one team has already entered, but two are expected) and, of course, the holders. Further entries are expected from the Russian Regiment, Shanghai Waterworks and the Shanghai Power Company.

Crowd Pleaser

This event, which this year will be at catchweights, always appeals to the crowd and a fine display of strength combined with accurate timing can be expected, especially as the pull will be one of ten feet. The East Surreys are reported to have been champions of the British Army for many years at eleven stone six pounds and they are more than likely to give other opposition all the competition required.

The French Forces, Seaforths, East Surreys have already entered units for the One Mile Invitation Relay (2 x 220 yards, 1 x 440 and 1 x 880), while the U.S. Marines and the Jewish Recreation Club have also signified their intention of competing for this event.

Nine teams have up to the present entered for the Two Miles Team Championship of North China, a figure that includes four Chinese sides, among which is the powerful Lido unit. Other entries are drawn from the various British, French and American Forces stationed here. Keen competition can be expected in this race, which, in past years, has always been closely fought. The U.S. Marines are able to draw upon several good runners and with Lieut. Funk as the mainstay of the squad, will start as favourites to take this very important event.

New Athletes Here

Lieut. Funk also figures among the entrants for the Mile and 440 Yards Open Shanghai Championships. Here again, if he produces the form he has in past years, he will be hard to overcome, although, in the former event, he will receive stiff opposition from the Sikh cross-country runner, Gurbakh Singh. A number of Jewish athletes, many recent arrivals, have also entered. While they are necessarily unknown quantities on Shanghai sports fields, it is whispered that some are capable of turning in excellent times.

In the purely Police Championship events, entries are being sent in in large numbers and enthusiasts can confidently look forward to an excellent afternoon's sport.

Dorothy Round Hopes to Play at Wimbledon

England's Greatest Woman Player Very Busy

London, Mar. 20.

England's greatest woman tennis player, Dorothy Round, now Mrs. D. Little and the mother of a baby son—is returning to big lawn tennis next season.

At the time of the last Wimbledon championships, she was unable to play. But for the last two months she has been practising and hopes to start her "comeback" at Easter time. She and her husband live in Worcestershire.

"My son takes up all my time at present, and I don't think I could spare the time to go to the United States with the Wightman Cup team, even if my play were good enough," she said.

"It's asking a lot to win the Wimbledon championship after nearly twelve months without a game. but I am hoping to be able to have another shot at it."—United Press.

Shanghai Man Draws Lucky Number

Far Eastern Residents In Irish Sweep List

Dublin, Mar. 21.

A resident of Shanghai is included among the prizewinners in the Irish Sweepstake. He is Mr. Zau Zang-tshung, compradore of the Bank of East Asia, and his prize amounts to £100, or, in Shanghai currency, approximately $2,800. Mr. Zau's ticket number is A.D. 69173.

Other residents of the Far East included among the £100 prizewinners are as follows:—Mr. Wong Kia-lat, of Swatow, whose ticket number is ZZ 11772; Miss Ormsby, of Peiping, whose ticket number is N.E. 69615; Mr. Lau Kai-to, of Hongkong, whose ticket number is R.X. 32153; and Mr. Ya Pah-choon, of Selangor, whose ticket number is X.M. 23156.—Reuter.

Volleyball Begins

The 11th Annual Invitation Volleyball League at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. made its start last night when three games were run off with the winners experiencing no difficulty to win.

In the opening game, which was a women's contest, the "Y" Women's Sport Section maintained the form with which they won the Navy "Y" Championship two weeks ago and handed the Betar ladies a defeat by the score of 15-12 and 15-4.

W.S.S.:—F. Gusnevich, J. Premet, I. Watson, H. Gladkoff, L. Zalmanoff, D. Ilnitskaya, H. Bugaeff, N. Wilson.

Betar:—Plotkin, Gourvitch, Hanin, Defris, Exthud, Marguloff, Kantoroviteh.

The second game was played between the Russian Club and Blue Black, a Second Division encounter. The Russians were by far superior and easily won by 15-2 and 15-5.

The third and last match saw the strong Foreign "Y" trim Fong Kong "A" in a First Division contest by straight games of 15-7 and 15-13. The victors were strengthened by the inclusion of Pompey Matulis, fine Russian athlete, and Volodchenko, another Russian star. These two men and Prokofieff formed the nucleus of the "Y" attack, bringing off a string of points to win handily.

Russian Club:—Bentzianoff, Vtoroff, Orlow, Buinover, Luskoff, Gitoff.

Blue Black:—Toong, Wong, Tsang, Tsu, Woo, Chang.

Foreign "Y":—Kohnert, Inwood, Prokofieff, Krause, Matulis, Volodchenko, Burton.

Fong Kong "A":—Liu, Lee, Yuan, Kwok, Cheng, Kwan.

Flyweight Holder Escapes K.O.

Peter Kane Makes Fine Comeback to Punish Belgian Challenger

London, (By Mail).

After escaping a first round knockout by the narrowest possible margin Peter Kane, world flyweight champion, outpointed Raoul Degryse, flyweight champion of Belgium, in a ten rounds contest at Leicester.

Within a minute of the opening bell a terrific right to the jaw put Kane down. It seemed impossible for him to get up before the count of ten, but, dazed and reeling, he regained his feet at nine to stand like a target to be hit again.

Degryse hit Kane with all he had and twice more the champion was sent down for counts of three and five. How he kept on his feet for the remainder of the round was remarkable.

Only wonderful courage enabled Kane to fight back from this disastrous opening and gradually master the Belgian to such a degree that, in the last six rounds, the spectators became wearied of the sight of Kane just dealing out punishment and receiving nothing in return.

Apart from the sensational opening, the fight was an auspicious day in Kane's career. It was his first fight since winning the world flyweight championship and the first time, too, that he had fought since having the little finger of his left hand amputated.

Kane tried hard to make his victory complete by knocking out Degryse, but he succeeded only once in putting the Belgian down in the fourth round for four seconds.

Degryse, a natural flyweight, had to give Kane, who was just under 8 stone 6 lb., about five lb.—Reuter.

Franco-British Rugby May Be Resumed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 22.

It is learned on good authority that the Rugby relations between the British Home Unions and France may shortly be resumed. Negotiations on the subject are now going on.—Reuter.

Pittman Neutrality Bill Under Fire

"Cash and Carry" Basis May Discriminate in Favour of Japanese

Washington, Mar. 21.

Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, contended today that the "cash and carry" clause in his new Neturality Bill would prove directly injurious to Japan because this ruling would force the Japanese to pay cash for all their purchases from the United States as China has done throughout the period of the present hostilities.

Political observers doubt this view is fully tenable as Japan already has been virtually forced to pay cash for the majority of her purchases of war supplies from the United States.

Proponents of the proposed bill, which would give President Roosevelt broad powers in invoking retaliatory measures against Powers guilty of aggression, contended that the "cash and carry" clause would aid China more than Japan because it would partly counter-balance Japan's superiority in the manufacture of munitions.

Merits of New Measure

The neutrality law in use now, if invoked by the President, would prevent both China and Japan from buying manufactured munitions, although both would be permitted to purchase raw materials. Under the ruling of the present neutrality law Japan would thus benefit as she could manufacture all the munitions necessary for her usage, while China, lacking facilities for the manufacture of munitions and weapons, would be placed under a handicap.

Under the "cash and carry" system, however, China could obtain unlimited manufactured arms from the United States for cash payments. While Japan would have the same opportunity, the purchases of manufactured arms are less essential to her military efficiency and thus China would gain an advantage, proponents of the Pittman bill pointed out.

The Pittman bill contemplates equal treatment for all countries, however, the actual military effects and the situation must be regarded as almost unpredictable because of incalculable circumstances such as the control of the seas.

Mr. Frederick Libby, executive secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, said today that the proposed Pittman Neutrality Law would "put the United States into a European war" sooner than would the existing neutrality legislation. He said the new act would aid the British and French Empires "which naturally want to maintain the *status quo*."—United Press.

Senate Action Watched

Washington, Mar. 21.

Enquiries in the Lobbies show that Representatives will be guided by the action of the Senate regarding Senator Key Pittman's Neutrality Resolution. If the Senate approves, it is learned here, the House of Representatives is expected to follow suit shortly afterwards.

Supporters of the Administration believe that they can command sufficient votes to pass the measure although stiff opposition is expected from Senator Gerald P. Nye, Republican, North Dakota, Senator William E. Borah, Republican, Idaho, and others, which, it is considered here, may even lead to a "filibuster." In the present state of public opinion, however, officials here state, a "filibuster" would be a weapon of doubtful utility.—Reuter.

Japan Asks Reich to Stop Aid to China

Cessation of Arms Sales Requested by Ambassador

Berlin, Mar. 21.

Immediate discontinuance of German arms and ammunition sales to the Chinese Government, was requested by General Oshima, Japanese Ambassador, when he called upon Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, Reich's Foreign Minister, yesterday evening, it was asserted today.

Both Japanese and German political quarters attached great significance to that interview yesterday. Japanese circles welcomed the annexation of Bohemia and Moravia, it was noticed, but expressed the hope that the German Government would cease all arms deliveries to China since it had taken over control of the Skoda armament plants.

Competent Reich quarters maintained reserve and refrained from commenting upon rumours alleging the transformation of the Anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance.—Havas.

Italo-Japanese Cultural Agreement Approved

Tokyo, Mar. 22.

The draft text of an Italo-Japanese agreement, calling for cultural collaboration between the two countries, was approved at a regular plenary session of the Privy Council this morning. Emperor Hirohito personally attended the session which was held in the Hall of the Eastern Wing of the Imperial Palace. The measure was introduced by Mr. Kyoichi Murakami, Secretary-General of the Privy Council.—Domei.

Reservists in S. Africa Registering

Capetown, Mar. 22.

Registration of the first class of the reservists in the Union of South Africa began yesterday. The Premier, General J.B.M. Hertzog, informed Parliament that the Government in the nearest future would make a statement on its attitude over the European situation.—Trans-Ocean.

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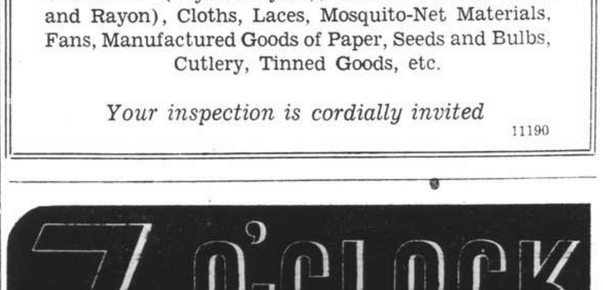

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PAYMENT TO REUTERS

When in September the British Government decided that the distribution of British news needed to be somewhat enlarged, they did the only thing possible, and approached Reuters with a request that they should increase their normal service of news to foreign countries by some 2,000 words a day, equivalent when expanded to about three columns of this journal. Naturally this service had to be paid for, and in the Supplementary Civil Estimates issued on February 23 details of the grant of £6,000 to Reuters appeared as follows :—

"Provision is made for the payment to Reuters news agency of expenses incurred in increasing their daily output of news to foreign countries since September, 1938, at the request of His Majesty's Government. The expenses mainly consist of the cost of transmission of additional words by Post Office wireless telegraph stations."

The matter had been before the House of Commons in a somewhat different form on February 15, when the following motion was discussed and adopted :—

"That in the light of the considerable activity of various foreign governments in the field of propaganda by means of the Press, broadcasting and films, this House urges the Government to pay more attention to publicity and to render wholehearted moral and financial support to schemes which will make certain of the effective presentation of British news abroad."

In the course of the debate Mr. Samuel Storey (Sunderland U.) who, according to the "Newspaper World," is a director of Reuters pointed out that for three quarters of a century that company had been mainly responsible for the distribution of world news with an independence, accuracy and integrity which had ensured its ready acceptance. British prestige, he said, had been maintained, and a better knowledge, and understanding of British aims had been fostered. He suggested that the Government should make use of the company's world-wide organization, but upon the one essential condition that its independence should be strictly maintained, and that, while the Government should assist in meeting the cost of the distribution of the news service, its collection and selection should be subject to no interference whatever.

The debate upon the Supplementary Civil Estimates makes it quite clear that the sum of £6,000 is to be paid for services which Reuters were requested to render the Government. It would be only natural that even if it was not desired to make any profit out of the transaction, and the smallness of the grant clearly demonstrates that if any were made at all it must have been microscopic, the news agency was at least entitled to expect that it would be reimbursed for any additional expense which acquiescence with the Government's request would involve. That should remove any doubt whatever as to whether this payment is in the nature of a subsidy. It most clearly is not, and on the face of it merely amounts to the reimbursement of the expense incurred in meeting the Government's requirements. In this connection it may be pointed out that newspapers in the Far East as in other parts of the world have benefited by this increase in the dimensions of Reuters service and the very extensive coverage of the various crises which have occurred since September last is very largely due to the increased wordage provided for by this arrangement. It is also a matter of experience that the quality of the service has in no way been altered, and the additional foreign and British news thus made available has shown no indications of any departure from the traditionally impartial standards to which Reuters have consistently adhered. It has not assumed anything in the nature of a propagandist complexion, for the news has been distributed in a manner best calculated to give readers as fair and accurate an idea of what has been transpiring as is humanly possible. The same, unfortunately, cannot be said of some of the other foreign highly subsidized news agencies, whose output requires at all times the closest scrutiny by editors through whose hands it passes.

It was inevitable that competitors of Reuters should seize upon this grant to raise the old cry about subsidization. As Mr. Noel Baker rightly remarks the sum involved is trifling compared with the agency's annual turnover, and is certainly not large enough to suggest that it would have any important bearing upon the policy of the undertaking. What is of even greater importance as an effective answer to critics is the fact of this grant being so openly discussed in the House of Commons. That is in itself the best possible proof of the bona fides of both the Government and Reuters in the matter, for if the whole transaction had not been completely above board, the secret financing of it would not have passed the wit of the Government to devise. What is of the greatest importance is the statement by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to the effect that there was no desire on the part of the Government to limit the freedom of Reuters in the compilation of their news service. It may be stated quite definitely that the value of Reuters service to the press of the world would be sadly diminished if it were ever shown that any outside interference had ever been permitted, or that the Government in any way influenced the editing of the news service. The reason why other foreign subsidized news agencies have failed to attain the reputation which is Reuters is the fact that they are very patiently prostituted to the propaganda requirements of the Governments financing them. There are agencies offering news services wholly unjustified by the smallness of the fees which they charge. They distribute news, it is true, but for the most part generally biassed by the politics of the Governments behind them. That is not the case with Reuters. It merely deals in news as any other merchant would deal in his own particular speciality, and as long as that independent and impartial attitude is maintained the payment by the Government of small sums such as the £6,000 asked for can have no effect upon the general standing of the service.

Japanese Traffic Rules

The Shanghai Municipal Council has quite correctly protested to the Japanese authorities regarding the new traffic regulations devised for operation "on roads lying within the limits under the jurisdiction of the Japanese Naval Landing Party in Shanghai." The text of these regulations was published in this journal yesterday. The Council's attitude in the matter is perfectly correct. As the area claimed to be within the limits of Japanese jurisdiction is an integral part of the International Settlement which is administered by the Council the proper authority for promulgating any form of traffic regulations is the Council. Although the area designated is claimed to be under Japanese control, it is a defence sector within the limits of the International Settlement. This point, in another way, was made by the Council in regard to the recent Japanese demands for the suppression of terrorism when it was stated that, without the sanction of all the Powers concerned, the Council has no power to delegate the police powers and responsibilities entrusted to it by the Land Regulations. Within this scope of police powers is the maintenance of traffic conduct in the Settlement and as the existing traffic regulations work efficiently enough judged by normal standards there is no necessity on the part of the Japanese for modification or elaboration. An examination of the regulations shows a number of inconsistencies and the final article holds a threat, which it is hoped, will not be carried out." Whoever violates these regulations will be prohibited to drive a vehicle in the areas under the jurisdiction of the Shanghai Special Naval Landing Party according to the circumstances," this article reads. In other words, there is a complete disregard of the regulations already in existence and an assumption of the authority vested in the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Anti-Spitting Campaign

As will be seen from the correspondence columns the Joint Committee of Shanghai Women's Organizations, in association with the Shanghai Anti-Tuberculosis Association and various other bodies is shortly to embark upon an effort to persuade people not to spit in public places. They are taking on a very big job, but recognizing as they do the magnitude of the problem they are of the opinion that an educational movement, slow as that must be, is still the best method of bringing about a long-overdue reform in the manners of some of the inhabitants of this port. Probably in no city in the world is the habit of spitting so widely indulged in, for it seems to be a habit to which the Chinese as a race are generally given. Notices in public conveyances warning against it do not appear to have very much result, and it is possible that the displaying of posters on the subject will have just about the same effect. It is likely however, that the other activities which bodies responsible for the movement contemplate, namely health talks, and an appeal to parents through the school children may be productive of good. If the latter were instructed in the matter, and invited to enter an essay competition describing the evil effects of the habit upon public health, it is possible that the teaching would be brought home to their elders in a manner likely to convince them of the error of their ways. That is a suggestion which may be well worth considering. Inoculations and vaccination have now become to be accepted by the Chinese rather quicker than was originally thought. That in all probability was due to the general knowledge of the deadliness of the diseases they were to offset. The evil results of public spitting are unfortunately not so apparent to the average Chinese, and for that reason it is to be expected that effective results will be slow in coming. That does not mean that the endeavour should not be made. The organizations who have taken the matter in hand are to be congratulated in their determination to do what is possible to solve this important problem, and every good wish will attend them for their ultimate success.

The French Visit

The remarkably warm reception given to the French President and Mme. Lebrun on Tuesday is an excellent demonstration of the very real friendship which exists between Great Britain and France, and is a splendid reply to the enthusiastic welcome which was given to Their Majesties on the occasion of their visit to Paris last year. Throughout a busy day, whenever the nation's guests made a public appearance they were given ample proof of the very real regard which exists between the two countries. There cannot be the slightest doubt that all that has been happening in Europe has added that dramatic intensity to the welcome which Reuter describes, for there is now in both nations a full appreciation of the common dangers which they face and the necessity of complete solidarity between them. It will probably not be known for some time which discussions will take place during the visit of the head of the French state to London, but that they will be of considerable importance may be taken for granted. Abroad the wholehearted demonstration of regard and esteem by the British for the French as represented by the distinguished visitors will undoubtedly be accepted at its very apparent value. Attempts in the past to drive a wedge into Anglo-French friendship have completely failed; the events of the past few months have done much to cement it into a closer bond than ever before, and coming at a time such as this, and inspiring such a demonstration must impress upon the heads of other governments that the Anglo-French understanding is a very complete one, and something which cannot be lightly regarded by anybody. The question of who shall be M. Lebrun's successor as President of France has yet to be decided. It has been suggested that he may be asked to undertake another term of office. That would indeed be a welcome departure as bearing testimony to the general improvement in Anglo-French relationships which has been brought about under his guidance, and would be well received by the British public.

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Subtle Joke

THE moment they got into the bus everyone could see that the couple had quarrelled. The woman stared in front of her. The man kept looking nervously at the advertisements. Then suddenly the pent-up anger of the woman split the ominous silence.

"Bah!" she observed. "If it wasn't for me, you'd be the biggest fool in London."

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Wife Shy

AFTER giving a great jump when a car horn sounded under his nose, a man explained to a friend accompanying him that he could not stand the sound of a car horn. "Why?" asked the friend. "A chap eloped with my wife in a car," "I see—it brings back sad memories," "No, it's just that every time I hear a horn I think he's bringing her back."

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Try This on the Piano

SIX Pretty Girls sat in a row of six seats at the cinema. Beryl and Cynthia sat next to each other in the two middle seats, but Doris was not sitting next to Beryl. Amy sat next but one to Beryl, and Edith was sitting next to Amy, but not next to Doris. Florrie and Amy, as it happened, were separated by two girls.

That being so, say how the six girls sat, from left to right.

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Price too Low

A YOUNG boy went out for a walk with his aunt, and came back to his uncle crying. "What's wrong?" he was asked. "I've just had a terrible scene with auntie" he said. Apparently the aunt met a neighbour who asked the boy for a kiss which he refused. "Will you kiss me if I give you a penny?" she said. "Blimey," replied the boy, "I get more than that for taking castor oil."

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Dissimilar

A LADY went into a hardware shop to buy a drinking trough for her dog. The man behind the counter said they had them for 3/6d. or 4/6d., the latter having the words. "For the Dog" printed on it. She said "I'll take the one for 3/6d." "But madam don't you think the 4/6d. one is more attractive." She drew herself up and said "It is perfectly useless. My dog can't read and my husband never drinks water."

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Pronunciation

—THE wind was rough.
And cold and blough,
She kept her hands within her mough.
It chilled her through,
Her nose grew blough,
And still the squall the faster flough.
And yet, although
There was no snough,
The weather was a cruel fough.
It made her cough—
Pray, do not scough—
She coughed until her hat blough ough.

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Beware of the Elephant

DON'T ask us why, chéries, but the tendency today is for the gentler sex to worship larger and rougher animals. No longer can you count yourselves in the swim if you go around carrying a tiny hairless dog or marmoset up your sleeve. The really smart woman is now hugging lions and bears.

This extraordinary craze for cumbersome pets (writes our Pestologist, Fido) led to an unfortunate contretemps when Lady Knott-Edible surged into the Beasties' Club, followed by Pomponi ("Pops") Giggi, who dances divinely.

"Why, darling! Wherever did you find such a cute creature?" screamed Bubbles Twitterly, and threw Giggi some caviar.

"Please don't feed Pops before the rumba," said Lady Knott-Edible severely. "You wouldn't like me to stuff your bear with oysters, would you?"

"Are you referring to dear Sir Bruno Guggenwholler?" cried Bubbles Twitterly indignantly.

"I don't know what its name is," retorted Lady Knott-Edible coldly, "but I mean that big hairy thing on your left with its snout in the truffles."

Luckily, at that moment a young tiger cub belonging to Goo-Goo Maltravers bit Lady Knott-Edible in the ankle and she uttered a piercing shriek of pain and fury. This scared the wits out of Pomponi Giggi, and he fled from the club and was soon lost in the traffic. Lady Knott-Edible has offered a reward of £5 for his return, but Lottie Sharing has bid £6.—Lane-Norcott in the "Daily Mail."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 44.5	Max. 63.0
Same date, 1938	Min. 46.0	Max. 54.0
Rainfall .08		

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 43.3	Max. 66.2
Same date, 1938	Min. 43.0	Max. 48.7

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 21st:—Light anticyclone over southern Japan. Depression crossing the Pechili Gulf eastward. Low areas over Chekiang and over Formosa. Southerly to easterly winds in the north, over the Yellow Sea and our regions: easterly to northerly over the Eastern Sea and Formosa. Cloudy weather in the north. Rain over our regions. Overcast with showers at sea.

State on the morning of the 22nd:—Rising pressures over China. The northern depression will cross the Sea of Japan eastward. The second one, over the Eastern Sea, is advancing east-north-eastward.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine weather, cloudy at places with variable breezes over China and over the Yellow Sea. Overcast getting cloudy and northerly to north-easterly winds over the Eastern Sea and Formosa. Local morning fogs.—Siccawei Observatory.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

TO THE KING'S DAUGHTER'S SOCIETY

In memory of Mr. W. J. Drummond:—
Mrs. R. Keefe $2.00

Lithuania Submits to German Ultimatum

Memel Territory Absorbed by Greater Reich; Herr Hitler to Enter Port by Warship Over Baltic; Reichswehr Troops Ready to March

London, Mar. 21.

WITH reports of a virtual ultimatum to Lithuania to hand over Memel to the Reich positively confirmed from Memel today, it was further unofficially reported that the Lithuanian Government had decided to accept the German demands and hand over Memel territory "almost immediately." Confirmation of the ultimatum from Germany to Lithuania came from M. Victor Gailius, the Governor of Memel, who declared today that Germany had given Lithuania a virtual ultimatum demanding the cession of Memel territory to Germany. M. Gailius said that Lithuania had been told that, should disturbances occur before the handing over of Memel to the Germans, "German troops will march in and restore order."

A telegram from Kaunas today reported that a German Note, demanding the evacuation of Memel territory within two days, was handed to M. Joseph Urbsyd, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister, today during an interview in Berlin with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister. The telegram states that, if Lithuania refuses the terms of the Note, German troops concentrated at the frontier will march into Lithuania, but if the Note is accepted, "the Lithuanian frontiers will be guaranteed, and the right to use the port conceded."

Throughout the day, Jews and Lithuanians have been making a panic exit.

Dr. Ernst Neumann, the leader of the Memel Nazi organization, today informed Reuter that he expected Lithuania to "surrender Memel territory in the near future."

Germany renounced sovereignty over the town and territory of Memel under the Treaty of Versailles. The territory is 945 square miles in area, with a population of about 150,000, of whom about 28,000 inhabit the town and port of Memel. A French High Commissioner, with a small garrison, governed the territory in the name of the Allies until January, 1923, when it was invaded and occupied by the Lithuanians. Sovereignty of the territory was transferred to Lithuania under the Paris Convention of May 9, 1924, which was ratified in August, 1925.—Reuter.

Lithuanian Statement

Kaunas, Mar. 22.

An official communique issued here today states that Germany has promised to take into account Lithuania's economic interests in the Port of Memel, if the transfer is "spontaneous."

Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, the communique adds, has emphasized to M. Joseph Urbsyd, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister, that "news from Memel made it necessary to settle the question in the manner proposed by the Reich, and to settle it quickly in order to avoid friction."

A Note to the Lithuanian Government, which gave the principle of self-determination as the basis for the German demands, reported that the state of "life between Germans and non-Germans in Memel has become impossible."

It is understood that so far no special economic demands have been made on the rest of Lithuania.

The Lithuanian, Government has agreed in principle to Germany's unconditional demand for the transfer of the Memel territory to the Reich. The Lithuanian Parliament will meet today to ratify the decision.—Reuter.

Memel Handed Over

Memel, Mar. 22.

Since 8 o'clock this morning, Memel has been regarded as officially handed over. The streets are beflagged in honour of German troops, the entry of which is expected at noon.

A Lithuanian delegation is leaving for Berlin today to conclude an agreement with the German Government on its demand for the cession of Memel, coupled with a guarantee regarding Lithuania's frontier.—Reuter.

Berlin Confirmation

Berlin, Mar. 22.

The German D.N.B. news agency today reports that all executive power in Memel territory has passed to the Memel Directory, the President of which is the pro-Nazi, M. Berthuleit —Reuter.

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Berlin Expects No Foreign Protests

British Press Shows Calm; Paris Alarmed; Poles Very Reticent

Berlin, Mar. 22.

Political quarters here do not expect any outside protests over the return of Memel to the Reich as they consider that the territory was handed over voluntarily by Lithuania.

The Powers which signed the Memel agreement will not, they believe, lodge any protest.

"It is certainly the best solution and nobody can contest Germany's rights on the Memel territory which was stolen from the Reich during its period of humiliation," a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman stated.

Herr Hitler is expected to make a triumphant entry into Memel with German troops and that he will deliver an important speech in which he will reply to those who criticized the recent events in Central Europe.

The annexation of Memel, it is stressed, is the first one to include an outlet to the sea and it is therefore believed that the German Navy will take part in the occupation of the territory.—Havas.

Paris Press Alarmed

Paris, Mar. 22.

Herr Hitler's new coup against Lithuania is recorded with alarm in the press here today.

"L'Epoque" writes: "Germany's Memel move proves that no resistance is possible so long as a solid bloc of peace-loving States has not been formed. Germany, who does not hesitate to attack weak States, will look twice before throwing herself into an adventure in which she will stand every risk of being beaten, but, at the rate at which events are moving at present, there is truly not a moment to be lost."—Reuter.

British Press Calm

London, Mar. 22.

The surrender of Memel to Germany will not bring any drastic steps by the British Government, the political correspondent of the "Daily Express" said today.

"The annexation of Memel," the "Daily Express" said, "will not be regarded by the British Government as a cause for drastic action. In framing the contemplated statement of solidarity of the Democracies in resistance to further aggression, it has always been intended to exclude Memel and Danzig on the grounds that they are German-speaking areas."—United Press.

No Surprise in London

London, Mar. 22.

The return of the Memel district to the Reich did not create much surprise.

The "Daily Mail" writes that the anschluss of Memel seized by Lithuania in 1923 will cause no difficulties. In view of the German population and the German history of Memel, Hitler's latest step might well claim to be in accordance with the principle of self-determination.

"The Times" also states that the reincorporation of Memel would not have any serious political consequence provided that Lithuania's sovereignty and integrity were left unimpaired.—Trans-Ocean.

Poles Reserve Comment

Warsaw, Mar. 22.

Polish political quarters were not surprised by the surrender of Memel to Germany today but Polish political observers nevertheless were disappointed by the German advance into the Baltic States and toward an area in which Poland is particularly interested.

The Polish press devoted front pages to the Memel events but refrained from comment.—United Press.

Commons Statement On Ultimatum

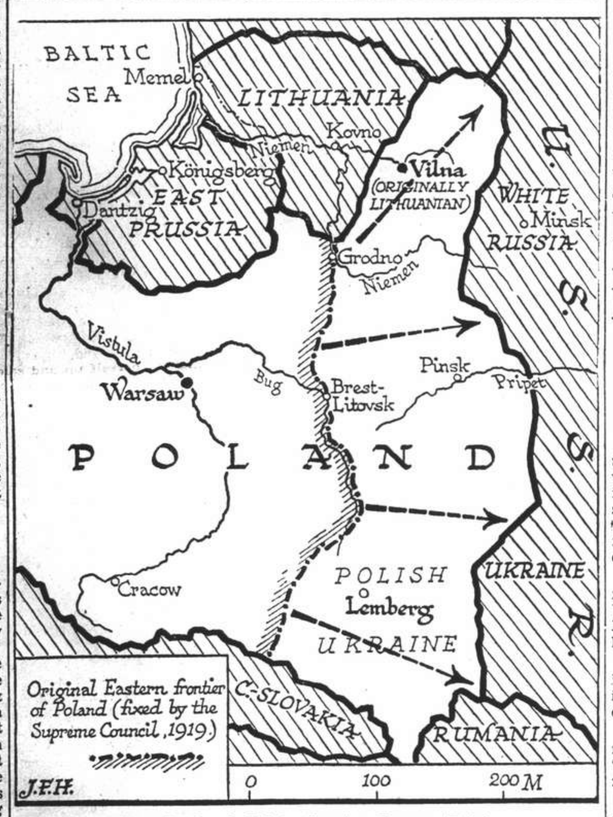
London, Mar. 22.

How the ultimatum was delivered to the Lithuanian Government was described by Sir Samuel Hoare, the Home Secretary, for Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons today.

He said that when the Lithuanian Foreign Minister, while in Berlin, received a demand for immediate cession, coupled with the threat that resistance or application for support from elsewhere would be dealt with militarily. A decision was required within four days. Lithuania was told that if she accepted, no further demands would be made.

The demand, said the Home Secretary, had been accepted. Lithuania, he concluded, did not communicate with the British Government.

Sir Samuel Hoare had another special statement to make regarding Central Europe.—Reiter.



Memel Absorbed into Greater German Reich

Lithuania has submitted to the German ultimatum and has handed back the Memel Territory to Germany. Herr Hitler is expected to visit the Port City which is the chief access to the Baltic of all Lithuania. German troops are expected to absorb the area into East Prussia and the Greater German Reich. As shown in the map, the Memel Territory, seized by Lithuania in January, 1923, when administered for the Allies after its cession by Germany under the Versailles Treaty, gives strategic hold on all Lithuania. The arrows pointing the direction of Poland's increase in territory at the expense of Russia, also show how a great section of Lithuania, including Vilna, the ancient capital of the Lithuanians, was seized by Poland in order to cut off Soviet Russian contact with the Baltic through Lithuania.

Rumania Fears Reich Backing Magyar Attack

Hungarian Forces Mass on Borders; Bucharest Alert

Bucharest, Mar. 21.

Rumanian troop concentrations along the Hungarian and Carpathic-Ukrainian frontiers were reinforced by several contingents of reserves today, a communiqué issued by the Premier's Bureau admitted this evening.

The communiqué emphasized that the Rumanian forces were stationed some distance from the frontier and would only carry out manœuvres and not warlike operations. As soon as neighbouring countries cancel their mobilization orders, these contingents will be withdrawn and sent home, the official despatch added.

Military measures were taken in the Bucharest district today as the authorities sought to check up the men who may be called to the colours.

Politicians voiced anxiety over Germany's attitude in the present situation, especially towards Hungary's occupation of the Carpathic-Ukraine. They expressed fears that the Reich would later either openly encourage an Hungarian attack upon Rumania, to recover Transylvania, and have the profits divided, or else would demand a high price for German neutrality.—Havas.

Hungarian Concentrations

Budapest, Mar. 22.

While there has been no general Hungarian mobilization, it is not denied officially that thousands of men have been called to the colours. Indications of military measures are continuing.—Reuter.

British Report Denied

Budapest, Mar. 22.

Denying reports from a British source, Hungarian semi-official quarters emphasize that no Hungarian radio station had ever broadcast any demands claiming the transfer to Hungary of various Transylvanian towns in Rumania such as Sighet and Temesvar.

M. Castagné, correspondent for Havas in Hungary, has been instructed to leave Hungarian soil within 24 hours. The expulsion warrant gave no reasons for the decision, but it appears from a note published by the official Hungarian news agency that it was taken following a Havas report announcing measures of mobilization in Hungary. —Havas.

Czech Parliament Dissolved by Decree; Gestapo Arrest Ten Thousand

Premier of Slovakia Declares His New State Will Be Free, Independent Friend of Reich

Prague, Mar. 21.

The Czech President, Dr. Emil Hacha, signed a decree dissolving the Upper and Lower Chambers today. He communicated his decision to the Czech Premier, M. Joseph Beran.

According to well-informed quarters, the number of arrests effected by the Gestapo (German secret police) since the entry of German troops into Bohemia and Moravia, has now exceeded 10,000.

The official Cetcka agency, which is at present a mere branch of the official German D.N.B. agency, places the figure at 600 only, but it is known that thousands have been seized in all Czech villages and towns.

The Czech Communist Party had destroyed the lists of its members, but the former German Sudeten Party had prepared, a long time ago, black lists including all leftist elements.

The German Army occupying Czechoslovakia expected to enter a country in the full throes of a revolution and were very much surprised at the absolute calm prevailing throughout the state. Ridiculous scenes were witnessed in some towns when the German Army entered with tanks and took speedy and useless measures against alleged Marxist elements in completely calm towns.—Havas.

Slovakia Free, Independent

Berlin, Mar. 22.

Although Slovakia has been placed under the protection of the Reich, it is not a protectorate but a free and independent state, Dr. Joseph Tiso, Premier of the Slovak Government, stated in an interview with the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" published in that paper this morning.

"I make this statement as a reply to the agitation by which some try to make the Slovak population believe that their country will suffer the same fate as Bohemia and Moravia," the Premier added. "The Reich's protection must be naturally as efficient as possible from a military point of view, for without this the protection would be but theoretical."

The Premier emphasized that Germany was not exerting any pressure against Bratislava.

"Naturally, our friendship with Germany is the main point of our foreign policy," he continued.

In conclusion, Dr. Tiso stated that Slovak Legations would be opened in Berlin, Warsaw, Budapest, and Washington.—Havas.

The King and Queen at Birmingham

The King and Queen photographed with Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister, arriving in Birmingham for the British Industries Fair. It was at Birmingham where Mr. Chamberlain made his famous speech on his European policy.

London Acclaims President Of French Republic

King George and M. Lebrun Affirm Close Ties of British and French Peoples

London, Mar. 21.

"WE want to see the King! We want to see the President!" delirious throngs of Londoners shouted this afternoon when they broke through sorely-tried police cordons, swept up to the walls of Buckingham Palace and demanded to see King George and President Albert Lebrun. Visiting Great Britain as the head of the Republic of France, President Lebrun received a rousing welcome from the British people today. Scenes not witnessed since the Coronation took place in the streets of staid London as the distinguished visitor rode with the King from Victoria Railway Station to the Palace.

Densely packed along the whole route of the procession of six landaus which carried the French President, the British sovereigns and their suites, huge throngs manifested frenzied enthusiasm. Cries of "Vive la France! Long live the King!" continuously rent the air. President and Madame Lebrun arrived at Victoria Station at 3 o'clock this afternoon. King George and Queen Elizabeth were present on the gaily decorated platform, where the British and French colours were displayed.

Among others present to greet the visitors were the Duke and Duchess of Kent, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Earl and Countess of Harewood; the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain; the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, and the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare. All were in levee dress. M. Roger Cambon, French Charge d'Affaires, and other French personalities present were in top hats and morning coats. When President Lebrun stepped from the train to the platform, all gentlemen present took off their hats and the Scots Guards presented arms while their Band played the "Marseillaise." The King and Queen shook hands with the President and Madame Lebrun, and expressed their pleasure at welcoming them in the British capital.

Official introductions then took place in the Station Hall before the procession drove off for Buckingham Palace via Wilton Road, Victoria Street, Parliament Square, Whitehall, Admiralty Arch and The Mall. The King, the President, and the Dukes of Kent and Gloucester took their places in the first carriage, an open landau drawn by three pairs of Windsor Greys. The Queen, Madame Lebrun, and the Duchesses of Kent and of Gloucester followed in the second landau.

Throngs Sing "Marseillaise"

The whole procession was made up of six landaus, preceded and followed by the scarlet-coated Horse Guards, in full dress on this occasion. As the carriages began their drive to the Palace, cheering crowds surged forward and the police could hardly keep them in check. The people then sang the "Marseillaise" as the carriages drove off.

The crowds' enthusiasm reached a climax when the procession drove through Whitehall and The Mall, where scores of thousands were packed along the avenue decorated with British and French flags.

As the first landau entered the gates of Buckingham Palace, the guard presented arms and the Band played the national anthems of Britain and France. Court dignitaries in levee dress waited for their majesties and the President at the foot of the stairway leading into the Palace and guided them into the Bow Room, where members of M. Lebrun's suite were presented to the King.

Meanwhile, throngs massed outside the Palace broke through cordons of policemen, crying out, "We want to see the King! We want to see the President!" After a few moments, the visiting statesman and his wife and the British sovereigns, as well as the little Princesses, appeared on the balcony. They replied smilingly to the cheers of the crowds.

Queen Mary Visited

An hour after their arrival at Buckingham Palace, President and Madame Lebrun motored to Marlborough House, where they saw Queen Mary at 4.45 p.m. They were cheered by masses of people who lined their route. They later went to St. James' Palace, where the Mayor of the City of Westminster welcomed them at 5.30 p.m.

The Mayor and the President delivered addresses emphasizing the fact that the present visit was symbolical of Anglo-French friendship.

At 6 o'clock this evening, President Lebrun proceeded to inaugurate the new buildings of the French Institute here, then returning to Buckingham Palace.

Later in the evening, a state banquet was given, in honour of the visitors and 195 guests were invited to Buckingham Palace for the occasion. Both the King and President stressed Anglo-French ties of friendship and the two countries' community of ideals.

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British Friendship Hailed in Paris

French Press Stress Closer Union of Two Determined Peoples

Paris, Mar. 22.

Lengthy comments were devoted in the press here this morning to the visit being paid to London by President and Mme. Albert Lebrun, stressing the close union between the two countries and the particular significance of the visit in present circumstances.

"Le Figaro" emphasized the magnificent welcome given the French President reminiscent of the trip to Paris paid by the British Sovereigns last year.

"The period through which Europe is passing at present lends particular importance to the visit," the journal concluded.

"The era of the entente cordiale is no more," says "Le Petit Journal." "We are now in an era of an entente more than cordiale."

"Le Petit Parisien" stressed that never has the "Entente Cordiale" had as much significance as at present. "It was not only the working and peace-loving France which was exalted in the shouts of the London residents, but also the France determined to face any threats and powerful in her armour."

The noted political commentator M. Henri de Kerillis, writing in "L'Epoque," analyzed the difficulties which France and Great Britain have to overcome. "France and Great Britain will either triumph together or succumb together," he concluded.

"L'Oeuvre" compared the present period with that which immediately preceded the World War. "There is one essential difference. Nobody can bask in the belief at present that Great Britain's friendship would, at any time, remain 'platonic.' No excuse could possibly be sought in saying again, 'I did not want this to happen'."—Havas.

Council Protest Over Traffic Regulations

Following the publication of a lengthy set of traffic regulations by the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party governing vehicular traffic in the naval defence sector of Shanghai, a protest was lodged with the Japanese authorities yesterday by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Although the official text of the protest was not divulged, the "North-China Daily News" was informed that the note pointed out that the publication of such regulations was the function of the Shanghai Municipal Council and not the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party, the defence sector being within the limits of the International Settlement.

The new regulations were published yesterday and came into force on March 15. Numbering from Article 1 to Article 58 they conclude with the words "Whoever violates these regulations will be prohibited to drive a vehicle in areas under the jurisdiction of the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party according to circumstances." A copy of the Council's protest was handed to the Consular Body.

At the press conference yesterday it was stated that the Council protest was being studied. The rules were of a temporary nature, it was asserted, and would automatically be nullified when defence measures no longer were necessary. The Naval Landing Party regulations were based on the Council's regulations with additions to make for more effective traffic control. No request, it was stated, was made to the Council to put them into effect. The Settlement authorities only were asked to give them publicity.

Germans Postpone Bucharest Talks

Atmosphere Now "Too Sensational"; Some Concessions Gained

Bucharest, Mar. 21.

Signature of supplementary Germano-Rumanian trade accords, arranged for tomorrow, will be postponed as Dr. Wohltat, head of the Reich's Economic Mission here, is leaving for Berlin tomorrow.

It was previously expected that these supplementary accords would grant Germany a number of economic concessions in Rumania, chiefly over Rumania's rich oil supply.

Negotiations for such a new agreement were to be within the framework of the earlier Agreement signed last November.

It was asserted that Rumania would reject the greater portion of the Reich's economic demands, which were reported to have been delivered in the form of an ultimatum. Berlin denied such reports, but nevertheless, some uneasiness was felt here due because the trade parleys coincided with the German coup in Czechoslovakia and with alleged German intentions upon Rumania.

Negotiations "Too Sensational"

Competent quarters declared today that the development of negotiations had become "too sensational," and it had therefore been decided to await the settlement of the present international crisis before signing additional Germano-Rumanian trade accords.

Rumania had granted "a certain amount of satisfaction" to Germany in her economic claims, it was asserted, and had agreed to develop the cultivation of the soya bean. Also, the exchange rate of the lei would be slightly raised and certain oilfields would be granted to German development concerns. It was stressed, however, that Rumania had refused to give the Reich a monopoly over Rumania's oil production.—Havas.

British Mission Welcomed

Paris, Mar. 21.

The announcement of the dispatch of a British commercial mission to Rumania has made the best possible impression in Bucharest, according to messages received here.

Rumanian political circles, it is stated, feel that, with the support of Great Britain, Rumania will be able to negotiate a treaty with Germany on an equal footing.—Reuter.

Poland Rejects Proposal For Anti-Reich Bloc

British Assurance Given Rumania; Balkan Support for Collective Action Awaited

London, Mar. 22.

THE Council of Ministers met here at 10 a.m. today to examine the replies received from several European nations to the British plan providing for their participation in a common declaration of resistance against any aggression. It is understood that the Foreign Office received replies from the Dominions and a few European countries. A meeting will be held here this afternoon between Mr. Georges Bonnet, visiting French Foreign Minister; Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, and Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary.

Poland's rejection of the British proposal that Britain, France, Poland and Soviet Russia should make a common statement pledging joint resistance against aggression against any one of the four, was forwarded to His Majesty's Government yesterday morning by Count Raczynsky, Polish Ambassador here, it was understood. The British proposal had also been forwarded to the Balkan countries and the adherence of all nations threatened by German expansion was requested. Poland opposed Britain's scheme in stressing that the existent Franco-Polish accords were functioning on the basis of reciprocity and that Warsaw was able to conduct negotiations with Rumania on Poland's own account.

It is authoritatively understood that the British plan providing for a common declaration of resistance against any aggression is still being discussed among Great Britain, France, Poland, and Russia. Well-informed quarters understand the text of the plan submitted by the British Ambassadors to the interested countries is not final and may be subjected to any necessary modification. Negotiations deal both with the principle of such a declaration and with details of the British proposal.

It was understood that in rejecting London's scheme, the Poles were giving way to fears that acceptance might be interpreted as a provocation to the Reich. Despite Warsaw's negative attitude, however, the British Government is not giving up its plans of organizing resistance to German expansion.

Lord Halifax is understood to have told M. Virgil Tilea, the Rumanian Minister, that the British Government would not abandon Rumania. The Rumanian Minister has postponed his departure for Bucharest today.

M. Bonnet this morning received the Polish Ambassador, Count Raczynski.

According to well-informed quarters here, Poland refused to accept the British proposal because she does not want to take part in the system of collective security.

Nature of British Proposal

It is understood that the British proposal is a document of a few lines establishing the necessity for peace-loving nations to organize themselves and consult each other immediately "regarding steps to be taken to resist aggression" in the event of any emergency.

M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, conferred in the lobbies of the House of Commons yesterday with Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Labour Opposition, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, a noted Labour leader.

M. Virgil Tilea, the Rumanian Ambassador, dined at the House of Commons last night as the guest of several M.P.'s including Mr. Harold Nicholson, labour member for West Leicester.

An exhaustive exposition of the British Government's intentions was given M. Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, by Lord Halifax yesterday afternoon. M. Bonnet called upon Lord Halifax as soon as he arrived here with President Albert Lebrun. Their meeting lasted one hour.

British Policy Revised

Lord Halifax told the visiting French statesman, it was understood, that an isolationist policy would now be most dangerous for Britain and that the British Government was adopting a policy of defensive mutual assistance.

Lord Halifax is understood to have referred again to Anglo-French commitments to each other and added that any attack upon the Netherlands, Belgium or Switzerland would immediately involve all British forces.

British and French statesmen will also approach the Balkan States to find out their intentions in the event of serious German threats against Rumania, it was understood. London and Paris will adopt a final attitude towards this problem when they receive their replies from these Balkan countries, it was believed.—Havas.

Soviets Ready to Help

Moscow, Mar. 22.

Soviet Russia's reply to the British proposal for a common statement of resistance to aggression is considered here as a proof of Moscow's determination to support the collective security system, well-informed circles stated here today.

These quarters stress that the Soviet reply included a proposal considered premature in London and was made following the demarche undertaken in Moscow on March 18 by Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador to Soviet Russia.

Soviet quarters stress that this is the first time for a considerable period that the British Government addressed itself directly to Moscow to learn the Soviet attitude in an international question interesting the peace of Europe.

The press here stressed the importance of the forthcoming arrival of Mr. R. S. Hudson, Under-Secretary for Overseas Trade, on a commercial trip. The papers added that Mr. Hudson is also entrusted with a political mission.—Havas.

U.S. May Act Alone

Washington, Mar. 22.

It is reliably stated here that if the proposed anti-aggression declaration is signed by European powers, the United States would be willing to issue a similar declaration of their own.

President Roosevelt told a press conference here today that he is not happy over the situation, but refused otherwise, to comment on develoments in Central Europe. He declared that the report that he had suggested a general economic boycott of Germany is unfounded.—Reuter.

Baptist Mission Bombed

Chungking, Mar. 22.

The American Embassy here has received a telegram from Chengchow, in Honan, stating that the American Baptist Mission there was bombed on Sunday during a Japanese raid.—Reuter.

Rome Affirms Axis Unshaken

Fascist Council Dubs Democratic Front as Development for War

Rome, Mar. 22.

The Grand Fascist Council issued a communiqué early this morning revealing that it had approved a resolution reaffirming Italy's full adherence to the Rome-Berlin axis and denouncing the threat of a common front of the democracies, which it called the "allies of Bolshevism." The full text of the communiqué is:—

"The Grand Fascist Council examined the threat of the constitution of a united front of Democracies associated with Bolshevism against the Totalitarian States, a united front which does not bring peace but war. The Council stated that the developments in Central Europe were originated by the Versailles Treaty, and therefore reaffirmed its full adherence to the policy of the Rome-Berlin axis."

Diplomatic quarters here consider of particular significance in the present circumstances the reaffirmation of Italy's full adherence to the policy of the Axis.

They see in this a reply to those quarters abroad who considered the possibility of separating Italy from Germany.

The wording of the communiqué has resulted in all circles here keenly awaiting the speech to be made by Signor Benito Mussolini on Sunday as it will probably bring further definition as to Italy's attitude towards present important European problems. —Havas.

Preparedness Accelerated

Rome, Mar. 22.

Italy's preparedness campaign was authoritatively reported to have been increased today after a communiqué of the Grand Fascist Council had warned that the United front which the Democracies were forming with the Soviet Union is a forerunner to war and not peace." The communiqué also reaffirmed Italy's complete adherence to the Rome-Berlin axis.

Italy's preparedness campaign was reported to have taken on a faster pace in the past few days with more reservists and technicians being called to the colours.

Reservists belonging to the classes of 1901, 1902, 1903 and possibily 1904, who were exempt from previous calls in the past months, again were summoned to the military headquarters and in all cases were ordered to report to their barracks by midnight on Thursday, well-informed sources revealed.—United Press.

Berlin Denies Rift

Berlin, Mar. 22.

Rumours of a disagreement between Germany and Italy over Nazi eastward expansion without coincident satisfaction of Italy's "natural aspirations" were denied in official circles here and in Rome today.

The rumours became more persistent after it was revealed here that the Italian Ambassador in Berlin did not greet Herr Adolf Hitler when he returned here from Prague on Sunday night. The German Government, it appears, attempted to cover up the failure of the Italian Ambassador to appear by describing him over the nationwide radio broadcast as warmly shaking hands with Chancellor Hitler on the station platform. —United Press.

New Zealand's Loyalty Never in Doubt

Prime Minister Reiterates Support of Great Britain

Wellington, Mar. 22.

"New Zealand will be found wherever Great Britain is, if Great Britain is in trouble. There has never been any doubt about New Zealand's loyalty."

This statement was made by Mr. Michael J. Savage, the Prime Minister, in an interview in Auckland today.

Mr. Savage suggested in the Labour paper, "Standard," that the British Government should immediately call a conference of peace-loving nations in an endeavour to remove the causes for war. Combined action, he added, was essential to settle economic differences.—Reuter.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 3/32d. U.S.$ 16 3/32c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Mar. 22.

Silver prices further declined in London today, with quotations being fixed as follows:—

	Mar. 21	Mar. 22
London spot	20d.	19 13/16d.
" forward	19 3/4d.	19 11/16d.
" gold	148/5d.	148/5d.
London/New York:		
One pound U.S.$4.6844		$4.6828
One U.S. dollar 51.233d.		51.251d.

—Reuter.

McMahon-Hussein Letters Fail To Clarify Palestine Issue

Joint Arab-British Committee Reports on Conflicting Claims; Exhaustive Study

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 21.

THE joint Arab-British Committee, established to interpret the McMahon-Hussein Correspondence, has issued an exhaustive report which shows that the Committee has included the study of a number of other relevant documents and statements within the scope of its investigations. The McMahon—Hussein Correspondence covers the exchange of letters between Sharif Hussein of Mecca and Sir Henry MacMahon in 1915, on which the Palestine Arabs based their claim for independence.

The report declares that it is beyond the scope of the Committee to express an opinion on the proper interpretation of these pronouncements, and that "such an opinion, anyway, cannot properly be expressed unless consideration be given to other statements made during and after the Great War." The Committee says it is evident from these statements that His Majesty's Government were not free to dispose of Palestine without regard for the wishes and interests of its inhabitants.

These statements, the Committee adds, must be taken into account in any attempt to estimate the responsibilities which (upon any interpretation of the Correspondence), His Majesty's Government had incurred towards the inhabitants as a result of the Correspondence.

The Committee considering the Correspondence was headed on the British side by the Lord Chancellor (Lord Maugham).

Heading the Arab representatives was, first of all, the Prime Minister of Iraq, and later his successor as leader of the Iraqi delegation to the Palestine Conference, Sayyid Tau Fiqal Suwaidy.

The report states that both the Arab and British representatives have tried—they hope with success—to understand the point of view of the other party, but that they have been unable to reach an agreement upon the interpretation of the Correspondence.

Palestine Area Disputed

Especially have they been unable to see eye to eye regarding Arab contentions that the meaning of the phrase "portions of Syria lying to the west of the districts of Damascus, Hama, Homs and Aleppo," has greater force than hitherto.

Furthermore, it is stated, the British representatives have informed the Arab representatives that they agree that Palestine was included in the area claimed by the Sharif of Mecca in his letter of July 14, 1915.

Unless Palestine was excluded from that area later in the Correspondence, the British representatives also agree, it must be regarded as having been included in the area in which Great Britain was to recognize and support the independence of the Arabs.

The British representatives maintain that, on the proper construction of the Correspondence, Palestine was in fact excluded from that area. But they agree that the language in which its exclusion was expressed was "not so specific and unmistakable as it was thought to be at the time."

The Committee also considered other documents and events to see what light they shed on the meaning or the intention of the Correspondence. The Committee makes it clear that it is beyond the Committee's scope to pronounce on the proper interpretation of these various statements.—Reuter.

Poland and Britain Share Ideals

Mr. R. S. Hudson Says Warsaw Talks Proved "Quite Satisfactory"

Warsaw, Mar. 20.

The Polish people have amply shown, in history, that they cherish the same ideals as Great Britain of freedom and liberty, declared Mr. R. S. Hudson, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, replying today to an address of welcome by the Minister of Commerce, M. A. Roman.

"When we see liberty disappearing from country after country," Mr. Hudson stated, "our two nations have a common concern."

The Press heartily welcomes the visit of the British trade delegation, declaring that "closer collaboration between Poland and Great Britain is ardently desired by all parties."

Mr. Hudson had a conversation today with Colonel Joseph Beck, the Foreign Minister, when the present situation in relation to recent events was discussed.—Reuter.

"Quite Satisfactory" Results

Warsaw, Mar. 21.

"Quite satisfactory," was the way Mr. R. S. Hudson, visiting Secretary of the British Overseas Trade Department, today described the results of his interviews with the Polish authorities.

These conversations dealt with the possibility of increasing Anglo-Polish trade exchanges by augmenting British imports of Polish wood, eggs

Mr. R. S. Hudson

and ham, and by increasing British exports of manufactured goods to Poland, it was stated.

British investments were contemplated for the development of a new industrial centre at San Domierz to be created to strengthen Polish war industries and defences.

Mr. Hudson asserted today that political problems such as those of the colonies and raw materials had not been raised. They would be discussed when Colonel Joseph Beck, Polish Foreign Minister, visited London next month, Mr. Hudson added.

The British statesman was due to leave Warsaw for Moscow at 9.20 a.m. tomorrow, continuing his Continental tour.

Competent quarters announce that the talks dealt with the credits to be granted Poland for the purchase of machinery for the new central industrial district in Poland, the terms and credits for the purchase of zinc, copper and cotton from India.

It is stated that Mr. Hudson submitted to the Polish Government a plan for an extremely close collaboration with Great Britain and France.

Polish Attitude Stated

Political quarters here, commenting on the Anglo-Polish conversations, note that Col. Beck has always refused to take part in any ideological bloc.

They declare that the German threat has always existed and would not be lessened by Poland's participation in an economic campaign against Germany, which would only increase the possibility of Poland becoming a battlefield in exchange for certain financial advantages.

Poland has never depended upon Soviet Russian assistance, these quarters add, and is closely linked with the Reich on economic questions since 25 per cent. of her total imports come from that country, a similar amount of her export trade going to Germany.

Poland hopes that Germany will grant Slovakia an independent status, an event which would be greeted with utmost satisfaction both in Poland and in Hungary.—Havas.

German Wounded in Bucharest

Bucharest, Mar. 22.

A German businessman, Dr. Hjalmar Karst, who had been staying in Bucharest, was found shot and seriously wounded in the courtyard of the synagogue in Brasov on March 21. Dr. Karst called at the synagogue for an unknown reason, and was greeted by the wife of the porter, who is a non-Jew by the name of Mihai Lukacs. An altercation broke out and the husband ran up and shot Dr. Karst.—Reuter.

Chinese Retreating In Kiangsi

Japanese Claim to Have Pierced Nanchang Defence Line in Swift Drive

With the Japanese forces on the Siusui Front, Mar. 22.

With its forces in full retreat southwards from the southern bank of the Siu River, following the piercing of the 20-kilometre-deep triple defences extending from Tzulukiao to Chusuilung by the Japanese, the Chinese high command today was feverishly attempting to halt the Japanese onslaught at Anlungchiao, Japanese staff officers revealed today on the basis of aerial observation.

Strong defences, supported by artillery, they said, were being hastily prepared at Anlungchiao, 28 kilometres south of Yungsiu. The Japanese forces have so far advanced to Anshih, 20 kilometres south of Yungsiu.

Main Body Falls Back

The bulk of the Chinese forces assigned to this sector, aerial observation indicated, was, however, falling back en masse along the Anshih-Wankiafow highway and through the mountains east of Wankiafow, 30 kilometres north-west of Nanchang.

Meantime, Japanese forces operating in the Wuning sector were within ten kilometres of the strategically vital town in north-western Kiangsi, field dispaches indicated.

Held to be indicative of the poor morale of the Chinese in this sector, 650 men, including one captain, allowed themselves to be taken prisoner by the right wing of the Japanese forces operating against Wuning.

The artillery preparation that preceded the Japanese onslaught in this area took a heavy toll, at least 1,100 Chinese dead being found in the path of the Japanese advance.

The Japanese right wing has so far suffered 16 killed and a score of wounded.

Anshih Captured

Japanese forces yesterday evening captured Anshih, 20 kilometres south of Yungsiu on the Kiukiang-Nanchang Railway. This was preceded by a systematic shattering of the Chinese defences, extending in three lines along the southern bank of the Siu River. By 9.30 o'clock in the morning, Japanese columns skirting the Yungsiu-Tanki highway captured the Chinese third-line defences at Mantoushan and at Wukuling six kilometres west of Yungsiu.

Also taken in the early stages of the offensive was Yingtzeshan, important point on the motor highway extending southward out of Yingsiu.

Seven Hundred Dead

Abandoned by the retreating Chinese in the path of only one of the many Japanese advancing columns were 700 dead, one heavy gun, two motor trucks, five machine-guns, and thousands of rounds of rifle and machine-gun ammunition. Several Chinese were also taken prisoner.

Wounded in the right thigh during the offensive, Kenju Iino, commander of the detachment bearing his name, directed operations from a stretcher.

Meantime, further west in the direction of Wuning, Japanese troops were slowly surmounting the terrain difficulties, augmented by continued rainfall, as they moved towards their objective silencing Chinese opposition on the way.

By yesterday afternoon, the Japanese line had advanced to heights south and north-west of Changlinkung, coupled with the complete occupation of Kwanlinshan.—Domei.

Advance Along Lunghai

Tokyo, Mar. 22.

Japanese detachments crushed about 10,000 Chinese troops in a surprise attack in the vicinity of Tungkahgtze along the Lunghai Railway, according to a dispatch from a field headquarters today.

Chengchow, important town at the junction of the Peiping-Hankow and Lunghai Railways, was thrown into confusion by the Japanese operations, the message said.

A farther western advance by Japanese troops which crossed the Han River in Hupeh also was reported in the dispatch.—Domei.

Japanese Repulsed In Chekiang

Chinese Said to Have Big Mechanized Force Ready To Meet Invasion

A small group of Japanese soldiers who succeeded in effecting a landing at Wenkayen, a village in the coastal district of Hsiaoshan, Chekiang, has been repulsed by Chinese forces, but the situation along the Chekiang coast where the Japanese appeared to be trying to drive to Ningpo and Kinwha was still tense, according to Chinese evening reports yesterday. There were still many Japanese war vessels and steam launches ready to attack and on Tuesday the district was subjected to constant shelling.

Knowing that the Japanese would attack the Chekiang coastal district General Chiang Kai-shek was reported to have ordered two divisions of mechanized units to go to Chekiang a week ago and they have now already reached their destination. They have several hundred tanks and were recently reorganized after participating in the battle of Hsuchow, it was stated. There are more than 20 foreign military advisers attached to the two divisions.

The Japanese were said to have started their invasion from Fuyang near Hangchow and they reached Hsiaoshan on the opposite bank of the river. Their ultimate purpose was said to be the capture of Ningpo and Kinhwa, the temporary provincial capital.

A Shanghai steamer left for Ningpo yesterday and two steamers are expected to return here from that district today but it was feared that Chinese military authorities in Chekiang might close all coastal districts to shipping.

Judging from the contents of Chinese reports yesterday the Japanese attack in Chekiang is only part of a big programme of general offensive on several fronts. Taking the chance of the unsettled situation in Europe the Japanese are said to have started this offensive. The Japanese forces along the Ping-Han Railway are driving towards Chengchow, while other forces are aiming at capturing Yungshiu and Nanchang in Kiangsi and Ningpo and Kinhwa in Chekiang.

The Shanghai Post Office was reported by a Chinese news agency last night to have stopped handling bulky parcels destined for the troubled districts in Chekiang.

London County Council Anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 21.

The anniversary of the establishment of the London County Council was celebrated at the County Hall today, when Queen Mary occupied the chairman's seat, looking down on a distinguished gathering, including several members of the Cabinet. Mr. John Burns, one of the few surviving members of the first Council, was present.—Reuter.

New British Stamps

Two new stamps, of sevenpence and eightpence denomination, have been issued by the British Post Office, an interesting point being the heraldic background. Here are the two stamps, sevenpence yellow green, and eightpence violet red.

L'don Acclaims President Of French Republic

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In his address, the King stressed the fact that both the British and the French Governments were devoting all their efforts towards the attainment of an amicable settlement of all the serious problems at present troubling the world.

He stated that neither would ever enter into any agreement that would not be consonant with the principles of justice that should govern international relations.

He emphasized the similarity of the democratic institutions in both countries, whose expression is the ideal of liberty and justice that is abided by both peoples.

He stated that both Britain and France were united by their common attachment to the rule of law and order. He pointed out that British and French statesmen were consulting each other in a spirit of full confidence, thereby promoting the cause of peace.

The King voiced confidence in the qualities of courage and intelligence possessed by both peoples and which find expression chiefly in times of danger. He asserted that these qualities would permit present difficulties to be overcome.

M. Lebrun Replies

In his reply, President Lebrun emphasized the anxiety of both countries when the principles of international law were violated.

He stressed the attachment of both nations to the same principles: "The honour, justice and dignity of the human person, respect of treaties and of the pledged word, freedom of thought and speech and of the Press, the desire not to interfere in the internal matters of other States, the same love for peace. It is thus that these principles may be summed up.

"Each time that they are checked in any part of the world, the public opinion of both countries is alarmed and claims from the respective governments the reinforcement of defences in order to strengthen the security of the countries and to promote general peace."

President Lebrun emphasized in conclusion that British and French statesmen would continue their efforts to restore international confidence.

Distinguished Gathering at Banquet

The British sovereigns appeared for the banquet at 8 o'clock, when they entered the great hall of the Palace. The King wore the dark blue, full dress uniform of an Admiral of the Feet, with the Cross of the Legion of Honour as a decoration. The Queen wore a white satin frock and a tiara.

The Duke of Gloucester, the Lord Chamberlain and the Lord Steward led President and Madame Lebrun into the white drawing-room where Their Majesties greeted them. All the guests then passed before the King and the President, and bowed.

The banquet itself was held in the ball-room, where the guests sat round a horseshoe table. During the dinner, the Band of the Scots Guards played selections from operas, while after the King's and President's speeches, the Scots Pipers played popular Scottish tunes, marching round the table.

After the dinner, the guests were ushered into the white and blue drawing-rooms, where other guests, not invited for the dinner, arrived at 10 o'clock.—Havas.

German, Italian Envoys Absent

London, Mar. 22.

A Court Circular announced this morning that the German and Italian Ambassadors to the Court of St. James' who were invited to attend last night's banquet in Buckingham Palace, were not present "owing to absolute impossibility."

The German Ambassador was recalled to Berlin recently while the Italian Ambassador went to Rome to attend the meeting of the Grand Fascist Council.—Havas.

THE CINEMA

"Lady Objects"

William Hayward .....Lanny Ross
Ann Adams .....Gloria Stuart
June Lane .....Joan Marsh
George Martin .....Roy Benson
Mr. Harper .....Pierre Watkin
Charles Clarke .....Arthur Loft
Baker .....Stanley Andrews
Mrs. Harper .....Jan Buckingham
Miriam Harper .....Bess Flowers
Miss Hollins .....Ann Doran
Langham .....Veseey O Davoren

"Shall a wife have a career outside her home," forms much of the subject matter of the plot at the Metropol Theatre, where yesterday opened "Lady Objects." The wife, played by Miss Gloria Stuart, has succeeded in becoming a junior partner in a firm of lawyers, whereas her husband (Mr. Lanny Ross) "plugs" along, trying to become an architect. A failure at this he becomes a night club singer, and another entertainer (Miss Joan Marsh) pays undue attention to him. He dissuades her, but she visits his apartment one night and is found murdered. It devolves on Miss Stuart to free her husband of the murder charge and, having done so, gives up her position—the husband becomes a headliner in night clubs. The plot has undercurrents, but at each turn Miss Stuart amply demonstrates her ability, while Mr. Ross, not too good an actor, nevertheless sings a number of song hits in his unusual inimitable manner. The supporting cast, the majority having small roles, were well chosen.—F.L.T.

Japanese Drop Bombs On Foochow

Little Damage Done; Ships Off Min River Mouth

Chungking, Mar. 22.

Foochow, capital of Fukien province, was bombed by Japanese aircraft yesterday afternoon, according to a Chinese report. It was the first bombing of the port since July 7, 1938.

Four large Japanese warships appeared off the Min River yesterday morning, shortly after which, six Japanese 'planes took off, reconnoitring along the coast, the report states.

In the afternoon, four Japanese seaplanes appeared above Foochow, dropping four bombs at the No. 5 wharf in Nantai, demolishing a barber shop and killing one Chinese, the report continues.

Later, the seaplanes dropped four more bombs in the East Lake district, two of which did not explode, the Chinese report adds.—Reuter.

Wife Hangs Self Owing To Husband's Debts

Remorseful over the inability of her husband to clear a debt of $20 which caused her to lose plenty of face, a Chinese woman Mrs. Wang Chou-sze was alleged to have ended her own life last night shortly after 6 o'clock in her house at 52 Peh Kao Su Alley, Elgin Road.

Her husband's friend who lent him the money some time ago visited him last night urging him to return the money. There was a long dispute because he could not raise cash enough to clear the debt, but his wife felt so ashamed that she secretly hanged herself in a back room. When the friend had gone the husband found the woman dead.

Lithuania Submits to German Ultimatum

(Continued from page 7)

Berlin, Mar. 22.

Herr Hitler left by train today for Swinemunde, the Baltic Sea Port, where he will sail on board a warship for Memel. He is to arrive in Memel at about 9 a.m. tomorrow morning.

The official D.N.B. news agency announced that since noon today martial law has been proclaimed in Lithuania.

The Governor of Memel has informed the Directory that all Germans serving in the Lithuanian army will be sent back to their country shortly.

It is officially admitted that German troops will enter Memel this evening

Semi-official German quarters yesterday denied reports of a German ultimatum to the Lithuanian Government over Memel.

The Landtag in Memel will meet at 6 o'clock this evening. Dr. Ernst Neumann, leader of the Germans in Memel, will read a proclamation on the occasion of the return of the Memel territory to the Reich.

A delegation composed of three Lithuanian Ministers will arrive here by plane today. The Ministers will be received first by Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, and then by Herr Hitler.

German Guarantee Uncertain

Negotiations will deal first with the future economic collaboration between the two countries in the port of Memel, while details pertaining to the return of the Memel territory to the Reich will be discussed. It is not yet known whether Germany will grant Lithuania a guarantee for her territorial integrity.

The return of Memel to the Reich was announced in banner headlines in the "12 Uhr Blatt" today, the journal stating that "Memel is Free." "Lithuania has returned this territory through a free agreement between the two countries," the paper added.

The event is considered a further triumph for Herr Hitler and the press does not fail to point out once again that the Reich has won another province "without bloodshed."

Jews are hurriedly leaving the Memel territory seeking refuge in Lithuania, the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" stated here today. "Railroad yards are filled up with war material which is being evacuated to Lithuania," the paper added. "Memel is excited and happy, and the population has put out Nazi flags from all windows."—Havas.

Memel Germans Rejoice

Memel, Mar. 22.

Thousands surged through the streets to the crowded market place to the sound of pealing church bells as soon as the news of Memel's return to Germany was made known here today. The city was *en fete* and cries of "Heil, Heil Hitler" were heard above the resonant sound of bells. The screech of sirens of ships lying in the harbour soon pierced the air and swastika flags appeared on almost every house in Memel. The sudden appearance of thousands of flags came as a distinct surprise for prior to this morning the flying of the Nazi swastika flags was strictly illegal.

Large crowds ran through the city, shouting the glad tidings that Memel once more was a German city. Loudspeakers blared forth German military music and scores danced and sang in the streets to the music.

Thousands rushed to decorate their houses with green boughs and garlands. Cafes, expecting a record business, also decorated their interiors and ordered large stocks of beer. Schools throughout the city were closed to allow the children to join in the celebration.

There was only one question on the lips of every Memel resident and they shouted it to one another in the streets: "When will Hitler arrive?"—United Press.

Decision to Submit

Kaunas, Mar. 22.

The Council of Ministers today decided to accept the German demands for the return of Memel to the Reich. A Lithuanian delegation will leave for Berlin today to discuss details.

The Lithuanian Cabinet met here from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. yesterday, during which the Foreign Minister, Mr. Joseph Urbsys, made a long statement on the conversations he held with the German Foreign Minister on the question of the return of Memel to the Reich.

M. Urbsys lengthily outlined the arguments put forward by the German Foreign Minister, emphasizing that Herr von Ribbentrop insisted that the problem should be solved on the bases proposed by Germany and without delay so as to prevent any friction.

A long discussion followed M. Urbsys' statement. After the Cabinet meeting, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister made a report of the situation at a secret session of Parliament.

Five-Day Ultimatum

An ultimatum demanding the evacuation of the Memel Territory by the Lithuanians within the next five days, was sent the Lithuanian Government today by the German Government, well-informed quarters stated last night.

This Note followed upon the Berlin interviews between M. Urbsys and Herr von Ribbentrop.

The ultimatum proclaimed that German troops were massed along the borders of the Memel Territory and would march across in the event of Lithuanian resistance. In that case, no guarantees as to where the Reich's forces would stop their advance could be given, it was stated. On the other hand, the ultimatum stated that if Kaunas accepts the Reich's demands, Lithuania's borders will be guaranteed and Lithuanians will be permitted the use of Memel's harbour, the same well-informed quarters concluded.—Havas.

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Denmark Wishes to Be Left Alone

Copenhagen, Mar. 22.

Herr A. M. Stauning, the Danish Prime Minister, today stated that the Danish Nazi leader, Herr Fritz Clausen, had expressed himself in such a way as must be regarded as an appeal to Germany to deal with Denmark in the same manner as she dealt with Czechoslovakia.

Herr Stauning declared: "Denmark does not want to meddle in the affairs of other nations and we expect nobody to meddle in ours. We have treated the German minority in Denmark in a magnanimous way."—Reuter.

"War Will Go On", Says Gen. Chiang's Adviser

New York, Mar. 21.

The Rev. Geo. W. Shepherd, confidential adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, arrived here today from Europe aboard the Europa. He is planning a nationwide lecture tour to aid the Church Committee for China Relief.

He told the press that Gen. Chiang had only one message for America, namely, that the Sino-Japanese war "will go on." He said the war in China was not altogether a tragedy "because it is the birth of a nation of free people who will outlive Japanese militarism."—United Press.

$2,000,000 Ransom for Kidnapped Briton

Demands Made by Captors Of Mr. H. F. Dyott

Tientsin, Mar. 22.

An anonymous note, demanding a ransom of $2,000,000 for its managing director, Mr. H. F. Dyott, was received this morning by Messrs. Wilson & Co. Mr. Dyott, a 52-year-old Briton, and Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Tientsin, was kidnapped by three Chinese from his home in the ex-German Concession on March 17. Nothing has been heard from him since that date.

In consequence of the abduction of Mr. Dyott, numbers of British and other nationals living in Japanese occupied areas in Tientsin, have moved into the British and French Concessions. As a result of the influx, all hotels in the two Concessions are over-crowded.—Reuter.

Britain Protests Over Mission Bombing

Representations Made by Envoy in Tokyo

London, Mar. 22.

The British Ambassador in Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie, has been instructed to lodge a protest with the Japanese authorities against the bombing of the British Methodist Mission in Pingkiang on March 15, when bombs fell on the mission buildings, killing eight people, including a missionary of British nationality, Albert Leigh.

According to diplomatic quarters, the protest points out that the mission is established on the extreme limit of Pingkiang, and that huge British flags painted on the ground are clearly visible to planes.

A similar protest was lodged last October following the first Japanese air raid on that town.—Havas.

INCREASING WEIGHT MADE HER DESPAIR

Every Week She Grew Heavier

Do *you* find that you have put on weight each time you step on the scales? If so, you will understand this woman's feeling of despair, as she found herself growing heavier with every week. And you will appreciate the sense of gratitude which led her to write this letter, when she at last succeeded in reversing the process:—

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THERE will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Bubbling Well Chapel this morning at 10.30 o'clock.

"THAT Social Service Rather Than Faith Is Essential to the Good Life," is proposed on the Foreign "Y" Debating Programme this evening at 9 p.m. Dr. H. M. Hodgkin is proposing, and Mr. A. E. Small is opposing.

THE regular fortnightly meeting of the Union Church Women's Guild will be held in the Church Lecture-hall this afternoon at 3.30, when, following tea and the social hour, Dr. Bernard Read will speak on "Shanghai Food Fish." All ladies interested in the work of the Guild are cordially invited to be present.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council has been informed that the French authorities have decided to renew for this year the grant of $20,000 which they accorded in 1938 to the Municipal Symphony Orchestra. The Council has expressed its gratitude for this generous contribution and its assurance of continued co-operation with the French authorities in musical matters.

A MEETING of the American University Women's Club is to be held this afternoon at the Y.W.C.A. building, 999 Bubbling Well Road. Tea will be served from four o'clock, and at 4.45 the Rev. Jas. E. Williamson, Chaplain of the Seaforth Highlanders, has consented to give a talk on "With the British Forces in Palestine during the Troubles of 1936." The talk will be illustrated by a number of interesting cinema films.

AMONGST the passengers who arrived yesterday by the Messageries Maritimes liner "Chenonceaux" were: Mr. and Mrs. de Boissezon, Mrs. Rey and child, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Grenier, Mrs. Saint-Oyant, Mr. Dumercy, Mr. A. Leonard, Major and Mrs. H. N. Stent and child, Mrs. J. P. Palmer and child, Mr. M. B. Hall, Mr. D. Sammuel Del Rivero, Mr. B. Britt, Mlle R. Rahf, Lieutenant and Mrs. Martin.

A PAPER entitled "The Modernization of Industrial Power Plant" will be read by Mrs. S. Stucken, A.M.I. Mech.E., A.M.I.E.E. before the Engineering Society of China under the auspices of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, China Branch on Monday, March 27 at 5.45 p.m. in the dining room of the Park Hotel, 14th floor with Mr. G. Pickering, M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E. in the chair.

H.M. THE King has consented to be honorary patron of the Stamp Centenary Exhibition to be held at Earls Court next year. The King maintains his father's important collection of Empire Stamps, and there is a possibility that some part of the collection may be seen at the exhibition, which is being arranged by the Royal Philatelic Society to mark the centenary of the adhesive postage stamp.

Two new British stamp issues were on sale on February 27. These are the 7d. and 8d. stamps printed in photogravure with the King's head set in the centre against a dark background of hexagonal shape and a hexagonal frame of lighter shade surrounding this background. A crown placed directly above the head and the words "Postage-Revenue" shown at the sides. The colour of the 7d. issue is yellow-green and that of the 8d. stamp violet-red.

PRINCE Nobuhito Takamatsu, younger brother of the Emperor, yesterday visited at length the Moji-Shimoneseki Railway Tunnel project, claimed to be the first undersea vehicular bore of its kind. Clad in a rough waterproof, His Highness inspected both the pilot gallery, 220 metres long, and the 430-metre long test bore. The tunnel, when completed, will link the island of Kyushu with Honshu, the main Japanese island. Arriving in Shimoneseki from Tokyo in the limited express Fuji at 9.25 a.m. His Highness at 10 which he proceeded to the Deshimachi Lookout Post on Hikoshima.

SPECIMEN copies of text books to be used in the class rooms of primary schools under the administration of the Ministry of Education in the "Reformed Government" came off the press here on Tuesday, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday. Compiled in co-operation with the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Asia Development Board, the new text books have been printed and bound by the Hwachung Printing Company on Dalny Road, which is expected to furnish all the schools, now showing an ever-increasing attendance of Chinese children, with the required number of text books.

THE lecture this afternoon before the Royal Asiatic Society at 5.30 p.m. on "Photography in Applied Science" has a wider appeal than the usual lecture on photograph, as it illustrates the very wide application of photography in modern civilization. It is of a non-technical nature and will be fully illustrated by lantern slides. The average layman is aware with the entertainment side of cinematography and amateur and professional photography in general. Whereas the true value of photography far exceeds these applications, important as they are, and this lecture is designed to show how photography interlinks with almost every activity of modern man. The lecture will be given by Mr. R. V. Dent, F.R.P.S., F.R.M.S., of the Henry Lester Institute of Medical Research, and is open to the Public at the Society's Hall in Museum Road.

A DECREE issued by Colonel Von Schnell, General Commissar for Motorized Traffic, sets limits, in accordance with the aims of the Four-Year Plan, on the number of types of motor vehicles henceforth to be produced in the Reich. As from January 1, 1940, only thirty types of passenger cars will be built, as compared with 52 at present, while the number of types of trucks will be reduced from 113 to nineteen. At present there are 150 different types of motor cycles produced. This number will be reduced to thirty next year. Only three types of small commercial delivery cars will be produced, as compared with twenty at present. Truck trailers will in future be restricted to five types, whereas the variety is at present unrestricted. Germany's production is expected to increase considerably as a result of standardization.

Ended Life By Taking Poison

Inquest Concludes on Mrs. W. R. Harris; Intentions Revealed in Notes

A bottle of lysol, a packet which had contained amytal tablets and an empty Aspro box were produced at an inquest held in H.M. Coroner's Court before Mr. I. T. Morris, Acting Coroner, yesterday, on the body of Mrs. Wilhelmina Ross Harris, aged 37, who died on the way to St. Marie's Hospital on March 13 after being discovered in her room at 2 Kelmscott Gardens seriously ill and frothing at the mouth. The Coroner found that Mrs. Harris ended her own life by taking poison.

Mrs. Harris was the widow of the late Mr. J. E. R. Harris, her father Mr. Kahler having served in the Customs at Tientsin for many years. She leaves two daughters.

Dr. I. G. Anderson, the first witness, testified to examining the body of deceased at the Country Hospital. His report, handed to the Coroner, stated that his findings were in keeping with death by lysol poisoning.

Dr. Frederick Weinberg, of 153a Route des Sœurs, told the Coroner that at 4.35 p.m. on March 13 he was called to attend a sick foreign lady at 2 Kelmscott Gardens. Arriving at the house at about 4.45, he was taken to an upstairs room where he saw a lady lying on a bed. Witness formed the impression that she was suffering from narcotic poisoning, being in a deep coma.

"I've Done It"

Continuing, Dr. Weinberg stated that he washed the stomach out and gave the lady several injections, as a result of which her heart improved slightly. As she was in a serious condition, however, he decided to move her to St. Marie's Hospital and on arrival at the hospital he discovered that she had died. Witness then took the body to Lokawei Police station. He added that when he had visited the patient at her home he had found a small box labelled "amytal" and a bundle of notes, which he handed to the sister of deceased.

A house boy employed by Mr. C. B. Low, an American citizen, at 2 Kelmscott Gardens, stated that on March 13 he was sent by Mrs. Harris to purchase some cakes which he brought after 15 minutes' absence. At 4.30 p.m., he added, the bell rang and he went to Mrs. Harris's room immediately. Here he saw her coming out of the lavatory, frothing at the mouth. Asked if she was sick Mrs. Harris told him to go and fetch his mistress.

Witness informed Mrs. Low immediately and another lady was asked to phone for a doctor. Later the doctor arrived and witness was ordered to get some milk and hot water for him. Shortly afterwards an ambulance arrived and Mrs. Harris was taken to hospital.

Detective-Sergeant H. E. Greenfield, attached to Bubbling Well Police station, stated that on March 13 he received a telephone call from the French Police reporting the death of a British subject. Upon arriving at the Lokawei Police station he was told that a British lady, Mrs. Wilhelmina Ross Harris, had died at her home.

Bottle of Lysol

Witness thereupon went to 2 Kelmscott Gardens where a search was made of the room, an empty Aspro packet and a pencilled note being found. On the way to the inquest, witness added that he was handed a small amytal pillbox and a packet of notes written by a relative of deceased. A search of the bathroom revealed an almost empty bottle of lysol and a glass tumbler containing traces of lysol.

As the result of police investigations it appeared that deceased had carefully premeditated taking her life, witness continued, and it was probable that after writing the notes she went into the bathroom and took a quantity of aspro tablets, amytal and lysol. At this point the Coroner stated that it was clearly evident from the notes that deceased intended to take her life. He did not intend to publish the contents of these notes.

The concluding evidence was taken at 2 Kelmscott Gardens, the last witness, Mrs. Caroline B. Low being confined to her room through illness. She told the Coroner how Mrs. Harris had told her that she had resigned her position in a Shanghai office and was going to live with her children at Tsingtao. On March 13 she added she was informed by her servant that Mrs. Harris was sick and on going upstairs she found her lying on a bed holding her head. When deceased saw witness she exclaimed "I've done it."

The veardict was as follows: "I find that Mrs. Wilhelmina Ross Harris died at Shanghai on March 13, the cause of death being lysol poisoning, and at the time she was mentally unbalanced through ill-health.

Land Mines Explode At Woosung

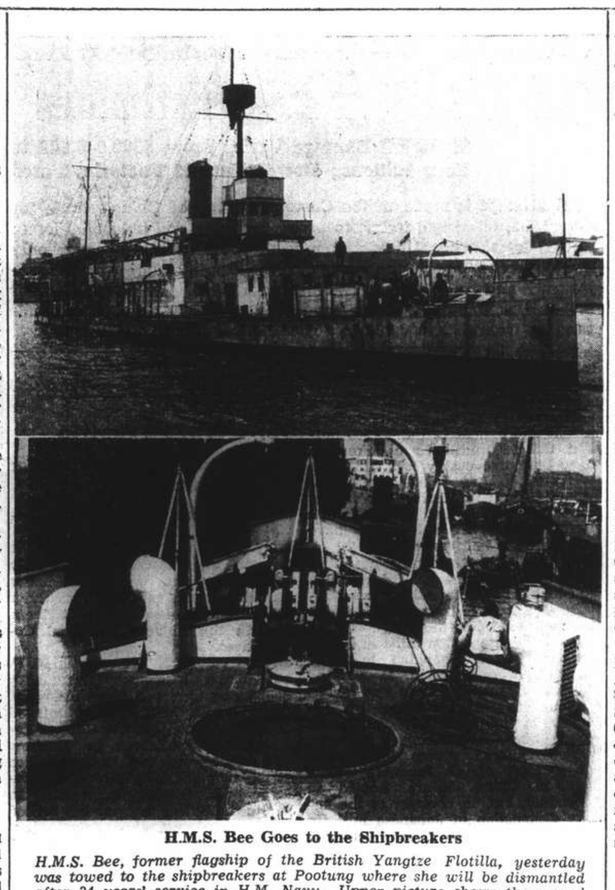
30 Japanese Reported Killed Doing Railway Work

More than 30 Japanese officers and men belonging to an army engineering corps were killed and about 100 injured on Monday when several land mines buried by Chinese troops in Woosung before their withdrawal suddenly exploded according to Chinese reports.

The reports state that the Japanese were engaged in building a light railway connecting Woosung with Sungkiang. They were doing ground work when the explosions occurred in quick succession. Included in the casualty list was a company commander who was killed while supervising the construction work.

Upon learning of the accident the Japanese military later sent four trucks to Woosung and carried the injured men to hospitals in Hongkew. The dead were cremated on the spot, it is stated.

Guerillas in the western district made another attack on the Japanese stationed in Shing Lung Hwa not far away from the South Railway Station also on Monday, other Chinese reports state. Instead of attacking the railway guards which they did last time they broke into a factory for making Japanese military uniforms and set the building on fire. During the ensuing confusion more than 10 Japanese soldiers were killed, it is claimed.



H.M.S. Bee Goes to the Shipbreakers

H.M.S. Bee, former flagship of the British Yangtze Flotilla, yesterday was towed to the shipbreakers at Pootung where she will be dismantled after 24 years' service in H.M. Navy. Upper picture shows the vessel being towed upstream. Below, the gunmounting which once held one of her six-inch guns.

Tseng Chung-ming Dies of Wounds

Wang Ching-wei's Close Follower Falls Victim To Assassins' Bullets

Hanoi, Mar. 22.

Admitted to the French Military Hospital here suffering from three abdominal bullet wounds, Mr. Tseng Chung-ming, former vice-Minister of Railways in the Kuomintang administration and a close follower of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the dismissed deputy chief executive of the Chinese Nationalist Party, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, it was revealed this morning.

Mr. Tseng was wounded by three Chinese gunmen who broke into Mr. Wang's residence at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Also wounded in this attempt, apparently directed at the former Kuomintang leader, where Mrs. Tseng and a third member of Mr. Wang's party. Mr. Wang escaped unhurt.

Assailants Arrested

The three assailants, and one alleged accomplice, were seized by the French police yesterday. They have refused to talk, but it is generally admitted in local administrative quarters that they are connected with the Kuomintang elements under Gen. Chiang Kai-shek opposed to Mr. Wang's advocacy of Sino-Japanese peace.

Mr. Tseng, who was a native of Fukien, was 38 years old. After obtaining degrees from the University of Paris and the University of Lyons. Mr. Tseng taught at the National University of Kwangtung. He served under Mr. Wang Ching-wei as senior secretary of the Kuomintang Government at Nanking and also as chief secretary of the Political Council.

He was also known for literary works on Chinese poetry and translations of Chinese literature into French. —Domei.

Vladimir Havsky's Recital in Lyceum

Another Success Added to Growing Reputation

Vladimir Havsky has added another success to his growing reputation as a pianist. In the first half of the programme on Tuesday evening at the Lyceum he had the floor to himself, which marked his first solo recital. One has come to expect, as a matter of course, the name of Havsky to produce a full house, and not without just cause.

One of the most impressive features of this pianist, apart from his splendid abilities which we have appreciated and noted in the past, is his productivity. When it is realized that since November 1938 he has appeared in three concerts comprising two major concertos and three two-piano suites, all of which he has assimilated (to use a wholly inadequate word) within a year, it will readily be admitted that his age-to-output ratio is prodigious.

The Programme

Bach is always a solid foundation upon which to build a programme, and Havsky's Bach-Liszt G-minor organ Fantasie and Fugue was an articulate exposition; after this we felt safe in his hands for the rest of the evening.

Four minor works of Debussy and Rachmaninoff which followed were well played, but this section might with advantage have been switched with No. 3, for it was an unexpected descent from Bach-Liszt to the jaded melancholy of "La Plus que Lente."

The really beautiful playing of the Berceuse overshadowed the rest of the Chopin. There was hardly a single technical nut on the entire programme which Havsky could not crack with ease, but therein was a pitfall into which he disappeared now and again. In other words, this pianist failed at times to keep the Demon, Speed-in-Execution, at bay. Consequently, the *Molto agitato* (not an indication of speed) of the 22nd Prelude and the *Presto con fuoco* of the 3rd Scherzo were transformed into *Presto possibile*, and the music suffered inevitably from loss of definition, though the *Meno mosso* of the Scherzo was set out, with care and delicacy.

Some of the best playing of Havsky occurred in the Tschaikowsky concerto which he played with admirable understanding and clarity, though his tempo was sometimes capricious. Indeed, had it not been for an occasional roughness in the dovetailing of the soloist and orchestra, it could be said that his performance was comparable with the best.

There are great possibilities ahead of this young and accomplished pianist; his calm assurance and modesty have been commented upon in the past and number among his greatest assets. There remains but to express the hope that the broadening of mental and musical horizons offered by life and study in other parts of the world will become available in due course to Vladimir Havsky.—H.

THE STAGE

"Parkstrasse 13"

Frau Evelyne Schratt ....Irmgard Berg
Arno Molander .....Dr. M. Krebs
Dr. Elken .....E. von Randow
Baronin Vera von Bornegg
Frau E. Hauer
Inspektor Marquardt .....F. Iden
Ernst Nordau, Schauspieler
P. Schoemann
Paul Miecke .....H. Busse
Franz, Diener .....H. Wölcken
Der Polizist .....A. Gatz

It is by now a well acknowledged fact that whenever the German A. D. C. present a play, there is nothing wrong with it and reviewers, whose privilege it has been to attend the varicus productions of this intrepid group, as a rule fail to find a sufficient number of adjectives in praise of whatever they may have chosen. The producer who chose "Parkstrasse 13" which was shown to a packed house at the Lyceum Theatre last night, not only was very fortunate in his choice, but definitely is endowed with that quality so essential to a successful producer, in that he found the right persons to fill the respective parts.

The plot of this detective play, is clever, very clever, but it was definitely hard to act it so that the main points would stand out and the group of amateurs at the Lyceum last night would have probably delighted the heart of the author of the three-act play had he attended.

Miss Irmgard Berg as Frau Evelyne Schratt, widow of two husbands who have both lost their lives under mysterious circumstances in Africa, is too well-known in local amateur circles to require any comment. She is an accomplished actress and has repeatedly proved her worth in local productions. Mrs. O. Hauer as Baronin Vera von Bornegg, who overladen with jewellery, comes into the police inspector's home to inform him that she cannot run around naked as some of her jewellery had been stolen, acquitted herself of her exceedingly difficult role in expert manner, whilst Mr. E. von Randow, a veteran member of the German A.D.C., played the part of the doctor who had been responsible for the deaths of the two husbands of Mrs. Schratt, did more than any producer could have expected from him, notwithstanding the fact that in his make-up he resembled Prime-Minister Chamberlain to a very marked extent. Special laurels must also go to Mr. F. Iden, who not only produced, but had to step into one of the leading roles, that of the inspector of police, at the last minute owing to the indisposition of Mr. O. Hauer who was to play the part. Dr. W. Krebs as Arno Molander, who in the last minute of the play, finally reveals the identity of the kiiler, was good, although, in that most deciding moment when he unfolds the mystery, he seemed somewhat unnatural.

All the others did exceedingly well and, as already stated there was not the least flaw throughout the production. The scenery was definitely the best seen for a long time at the Lyceum or, for that matter on any other local stage, whilst the dresses worn by the two lady members of the cast were a pleasure to look at.

The "Buehnenspiegel", a magazine published by the German A.D.C. which was distributed to all those present last night, came up to its usual high standard and it would be unfair to close this review without praising those responsible for its publication.—A.S.I.

Woman Doctor Gaoled For Illegal Operation

Charged with abortion causing death of the mother, a Chinese woman doctor named Chu Wen-fang who has an office at House No. 18 Lane 713 Gordon Road, was sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court. It was revealed in court that, unwilling to shoulder the burden of a new baby, an expectant mother, Mrs. Liu Ching-hsiang who lived at 94 Cheng Ching Li, Taku Road, recently asked the sentenced doctor to perform an illegal operation. She took some medicine given by the accused doctor without the knowledge of her husband and died shortly afterwards. At the request of the husband the doctor was arrested.

H.M.S. Bee Sails on Last Voyage

Former Yangtze Flagship Is Towed to Pootung Yard For Breaking Up

H.M.S. Bee, former flagship of the British Yangtze Flotilla and one of the best-known ships on the China Station, embarked on her last voyage yesterday morning. Honourably discharged after 24 years' service in H.M. Navy in several parts of the world, in charge of two tugs she was towed to Pootung where she will be broken up.

There were few people to watch the passing of this gallant vessel as the tugs moved her from the Yangtszepoo Dock to Harvey's Shipbuilding Works at Pootung, where Chinese workmen have been busy for days preparing for her reception. She will be beached and dismantled having been sold for scrapping purposes, but the Admiralty touched one of those rare sources of sympathy and decided that she should not be sold for conversion to other shipping purposes as some of the other old decommissioned gunboats.

The history of the Bee, in which Rear-Admiral Holt was the last Rear-Admiral (Yangtze) to fly his flag before transferring it to H.M.S. Scorpion, was told in the "North-China Daily News" when she was decommissioned. She has a long record of service in the Persian Gulf and the Yangtze and a succession of distinguished Rear-Admirals served in her. Some other interesting facts about the Bee and her class have now come to light.

Large China Gunboat"

She was one of the "Insect" class of 12 vessels designed by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Scotstown, Glasgow, four of which were built by Barclay Curle, on the Clyde, two by Lobnitz, on the Clyde, two by the Ailsa Shipbuilding Co., Clyde, two by the Sunderland Shipbuilding Co., Wear, and two by Wood Skinner on the Tyne. They were built specially for service on the Tigris, and under the war-time "hush hush" policy they were designated as "Large China gunboats" in order to hide their destination. Sixteen other smaller gunboats of the "Fly" class were built also for service in the same waters but were hidden under the designation "Small China Gunboats." Vessels of the Bee type steamed out under their power but the smaller vessels were shipped out in parts and re-erected at Basra. After the war, many of these vessels were added to the Yangtze Flotilla.

An interesting fact is that Mr. J. E. Harvey, M.I.N.A., who has received the contract to break up the vessel, also took an active part in designing the Bee and sister ships at Yarrow's in 1914.

South African Films Exhibited

Trade Commissioner Host to Party at Country Club

Mr. P. D. G. Gain, honorary trade commissioner for the Union of South Africa, and Mrs. Gain, were hosts at an "At Home," held in the Country Club on Tuesday at 6.15 p.m. The evening's entertainment opened with the exhibition in the ballroom of a series of interesting and instructive cinematograph films, depicting South African life, some of the scenic beauties of this fascinating country, and the almost incredible Kruger National Park, which has been well described as the world's greatest wild life sanctuary.

After receiving the guests, amongst whom were H.M. Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, Sir Allan and Lady Mossop, Sir Herbert and Lady Phillips, Admiral and Mrs. Holt, Sir Robert and Lady Calder Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Bowdon and others, Mr. Gain made the following explanatory comment on the films to be shown:

"I appreciate this opportunity of saying something about the display, but I need only make a few comments because what are to be shown are sound films. They carry pleasant melodies and embody a running commentary by authorities on the particular subjects.

"The first film is entitled 'In the Land of the Red Blanket'. There are large areas in South Africa which are inhabited almost exclusively by native tribes; they have been there probably for centuries, and the film is a colourful chronicle of a few of the customs and habits of some of these tribes.

"The second is 'Mountain Waters,' which as the name suggests, shows romantic mountains, valleys and streams. There are also 'shots' illustrating customs and habits of the Zulu and the Indian. The former is physically probably one of the finest races in the world. Perhaps we can learn something from these stalwarts, for they manage somehow to get their womenfolk to attend not only to the domestic side of life, but also to till the soil, harvest the crops and carry the heavy burdens, while the men idle away their time with pipe and tobacco. (Hear! Hear! from the masculine members of the audience.)

"And the third film is the Kruger National Park, an area of 8,000 square miles, about the size of Wales, which has been set aside in the Eastern part of the Transvaal, as a reserve for the preservation of wild animal life. There are hundreds of miles of motor-roads in the park, and a dozen or more rest camps where visitors can spend a night or two. It is a unique experience to sleep in one of these camps, and hear the lions, hyenas and other night prowlers calling; one feels very near indeed to nature. When motoring through the park, one can see thousands of animals in great variety wandering about. Some of them seem almost tame, but it is inadvisable, in fact strictly forbidden to leave the car. I am also going to show 100 feet of film which I myself took in the park last year. It is an indication of what a mere amateur can do there with a camera. I hope that many of you will one day have the opportunity of visiting this paradise of the wilds, for such it certainly is".

At the close of the cinematographic exhibition, which was watched with great interest and enthusiastically applauded, Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead tendered the thanks and appreciation of those present. The guests, of whom there were more than 200, were then cordially greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Gain at an informal cocktail party in the Club's pleasant rooms, thus bringing to a close a most enjoyable evening.

MAJOR-Gen. Ikuzo Sakai, I.J.A.R., secretary-general of the Japan Boy Scouts, and 12 members of the Aichi Prefectural Assembly, arrived here in the Nagasaki-Shanghai liner last Tuesday afternoon, according to the Japanese press yesterday. The vessel carried 127 first class, and 368 third class passengers on its last trip, the papers said.

Extraordinary Police Measures Revealed

2,100 Searches Made During Last Month

A total of 2,121 search parties were carried out by various police and military units in Shanghai during the month of February, according to the February report of the Commissioner of Police.

As a result of the intensified campaign launched against the city's crime elements, 1,690 station searching parties, 291 hotel and lodging house raids, and 16 investigations made on the basis of anonymous tip-offs were carried out by Shanghai's hard working police force.

Twenty-two searches were instituted by military patrols, 28 by S.V.C. patrols, and one by the Armoured Car Patrol. The Reserve Unit turned out to one call to the scene of a bomb incident and one call to a shooting affray.

During the month of February, according to the report, the Police dealt with 1,534 obstructions, 4,811 hawkers, 1,267 beggars, and 188 loiterers.

SATURDAY EVENINGS

The CATHAY HOTEL Ballroom

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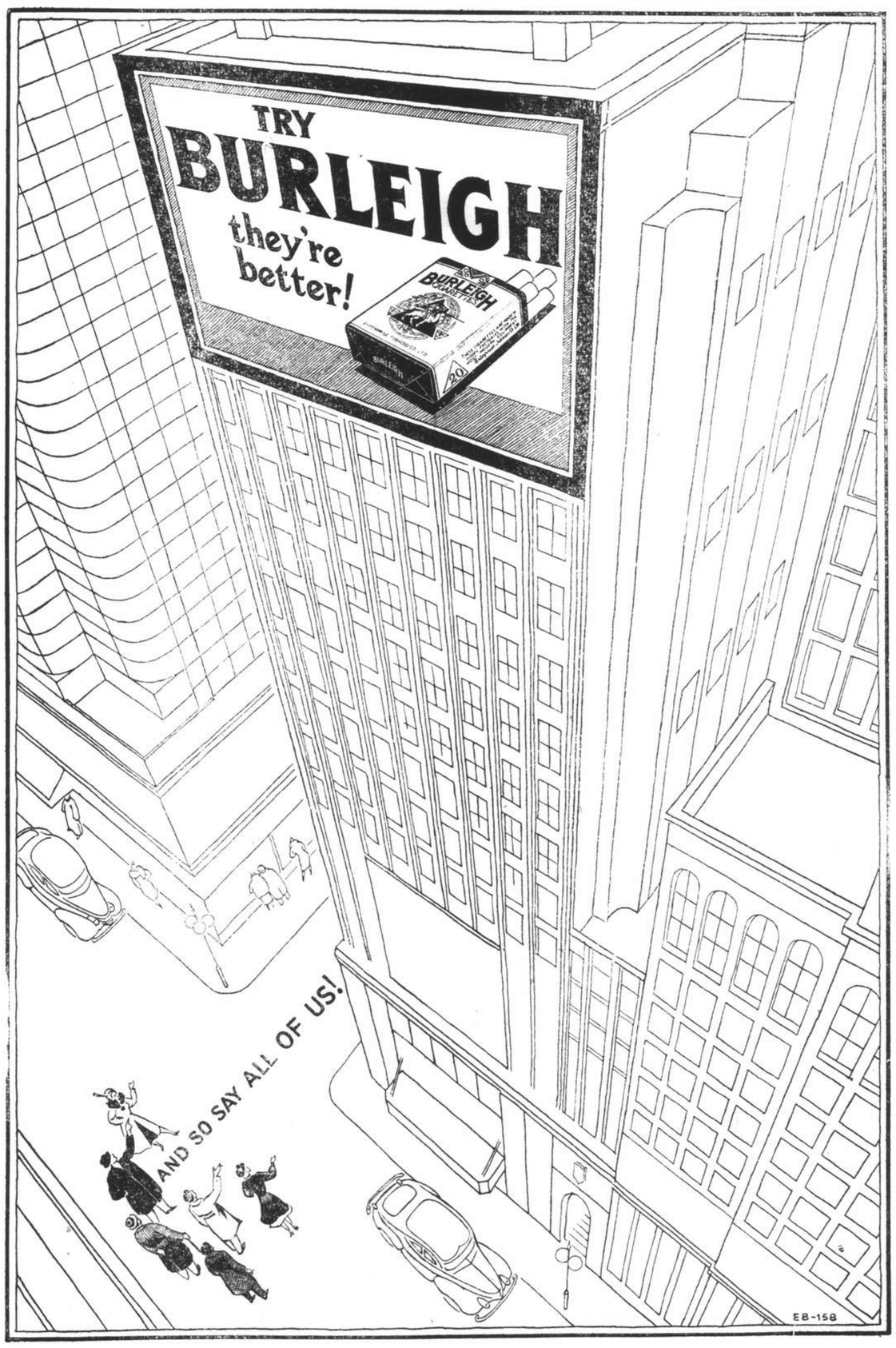

Annual Customs Returns

Decline in Trade for 1938 Results in 26 Per cent. Loss in Revenue, Amounting to $88,334,270

THE Introductory Survey to the Trade of China, compiled annually by the Chinese Maritime Customs, which will be placed on sale today, which incorporates tables for revenue, value, treasure and shipping, gives a complete analysis of the trade of China for 1938 and compares it with that of 1937. Some data on the trade of 1936 also is introduced.

The net value of foreign trade for 1936, was less than in 1938, in spite of the hostilities, the figures being respectively, $1,647,000,000 and $1,649,000,000. In 1937, China's trade stood at $1,791,000,000. Each of the three years showed an excess of imports—$235,000,000 (1936), $115,000,000 (1937) and $123,000,000 in 1938.

As shown in the comparative table below, the total revenue collection for the year 1938 in terms of national currency amounted to $254,565,469 as compared with $342,899,739 for 1937, a decrease of $88,334,270, or 26 per cent.

	1937 St. $	1938 St. $
Import Duty	261,296,534	160,936,397
Export Duty ...	29,073,179	16,532,939
Interport Duty and Interport Surtax*	20,148,870	55,840,004
Tonnage Dues .	3,224,611	2,913,405
Flood Relief Surtax	14,587,709	9,179,161
Revenue Surtax	14,578,836	9,163,631
Total	342,899,739	254,565,469

*Distinction ceased to be made between the duty and the surtax as from October 1, 1937.

Of the 1937 collection of $342,899,739, $262,261,262 represented collection for the seven months January to July prior to the outbreak of general hostilities, the monthly average collection over the period being $37.5 million, while $80,638,477 represented the collection for the five months August to December, or an average monthly collection of $16.1 million. For the year 1938 the total collection at $254,565,269 represents an average monthly collection for the year of $21.2 million.

Import Duty Decline

The import duty collection in terms of gold units declined by G.U. 45,811,600, or by 39.6 per cent., Shanghai being the principal sufferer with a decline of G.U. 26,065,032, or 50 per cent., followed by Hankow with a loss of G.U. 7,002,160, or 92.1 per cent., and Tsingtao with a loss of G.U. 4,904,939, or 68.2 per cent. Increases in import duty collection were recorded at Tientsin of G.U. 9,413,222, at Chinwangtao of G.U. 829,653, and at Canton of G.U. 748,663. Of the total gold unit import duty collection of G.U. 69,968,497, 17 per cent., as against 71 per cent. in 1937, was collected in actual gold unit drafts or notes, and the balance was collected in local currency according to exchange rates ruling on the date of payment of duty. The dollar equivalent of the gold unit import duty collection for the year at the average official exchange of G.U. 1=$2.30 was $160,936,329 as compared with $261,286,434 during 1937.

The blockade of the Yangtze naturally affected the flow of exports, the amount of export duty collected during the year declining by $12,540,240, or approximately 43 per cent. The collection of interport duty, however, showed a remarkable increase of $35,691,134 over the 1937 collection of $20,148,870, or an increase of 177 per cent., a result which was, however, attributable to the increased tariff rates and wider application of the levy, as from October 1937, rather than to any increase in internal trade.

The port of Shanghai, with its total collection of $84,913,650, contributed 33.36 per cent., of the total revenue for all China as compared with 41.44 per cent., for 1937, while the percentage contributions of the parts of Tientsin, Canton, and Kowloon were 22.17 per cent., 7.68 per cent. and 5.44 per cent. respectively of the total revenue for the year.

In addition to the contraction in the revenue collection noted above and to the continued non-payment during the year of the quota formerly provided for the purpose from Customs revenue collected in the North-eastern provinces and at Dairen, the service of the obligations secured on the Customs revenue was further hampered during the year by the absolute refusal of the Japanese authorities to permit the remittance for any purpose of the collections made at the other ports which were then, or subsequently came to be, occupied by their armed forces.

Foreign Obligations Met

A single exception was established in June when consent was given to the remittance from the accumulated balances in the Shanghai Customs accounts of the sum of $1,180,171.65, which represented the quota estimated as due from all ports at that time under hostile occupation towards the cost of the July instalment of the Reorganization Loan of 1913 payable during the former month. In consequence of these adverse factors the Customs revenue available to the National Government proved insufficient to cover the full service of the foreign loans (including the Reorganization Loan of 1913) and the Boxer Indemnity secured on the Customs revenue. With scrupulous regard for their obligations, however, the Government advanced the sum of $689,268.30 required to make up the deficiency from funds derived from other sources, thus enabling the full service of those obligations to be met both in regard to that part of the cost apportionable to districts still under the Chinese Government's full control and that due from those districts under Japanese occupation. The total cost of meeting these foreign obligations during the year under review, namely, $77,958,675.98, differed little from the 1937 figure of $76,911,283.76, due to the fact that the necessary foreign currency amounts were, with certain minor exceptions, provided throughout the period from the national foreign exchange reserves at the fixed official exchange rates. A total sum of $129,121,248.50 was also handed over during the year to the National Loans Sinking Fund Administrative Commission to provide the full amount required for the service of the internal loans secured on the Customs revenue, the funds for this purpose being derived in their entirety from advances made by the Government.

The amounts of principal and interest due under the Consolidation Note of the American Wheat and Flour Loan of 1931 and American Cotton and Wheat Loan of 1933, amounting in all to U.S. $3,138,125, were met in full from the proceeds of flood relief surtax at a total cost of $10,122,775.73. Owing largely to the enforced detention locally of that part of the surtax which was collected in districts under hostile occupation, $6,676,431.49 of the above sum was provided from surplus balances in hand on the 1st January 1938.

Value of Foreign Trade

The net value of the trade of China, import and export, expressed in terms of standard dollars, was for the year 1938 $1,649 million as compared with $1,791 million during 1937. Imports declined from $953 million to $886 million, a decrease of 7 per cent., with exports also falling from $838 million to $763 million, a decline of 8.95 per cent. In this connection it should be noted that, for purposes of conversion into standard dollars of the declared gold unit valuation of imports, the Government having retained for 1938 the average official daily rate for duty-paying purposes, based on the average official daily rates for foreign exchange of Pence Sterling 14½, U.S. $0.30, Japanese Yen 1.03, etc., or the average official rate of Gold Unit 1=St. $2.30, the standard dollar valuation of imports as shown above for the year 1938 is not augmented by the rising value on the open market of the foreign exchanges in terms of dollars.

Northern Trade Expansion

As regards imports, it is somewhat remarkable that in the conditions prevailing the gross gold unit value, as shown in the table immediately below, should have declined by only slightly over 7½ per cent., from G.U. 421 million to G.U. 389 million. More interesting, however, is the shift in trade, both by country of origin and port of entry. A cursory glance at these figures will show that while imports into Shanghai fell in value from G.U. 224.5 million to G.U. 118.9 million and to Yangtze Ports from G.U. 30.96 million to G.U. 2.66 million, imports into Tientsin and the Northern Ports increased from G.U. 64 million to G.U. 138.6 million.

A further glance at these preliminary figures—which will be available in more analyzed form in succeeding volumes of Trade Returns—shows that while the percentage of Japanese imports into Tientsin and the North increased by approximately 50 per cent. and remained steady in Shanghai, the reverse was the case in the Yangtze Valley and in Central and South China, where Japanese imports as recorded by the Customs tended to decline to negligible quantities. At Canton and Southern Coast and West River Ports it will be seen that the total value of imports increased from G.U. 91.3 million to G.U. 121.1 million.

Direction of Trade

Individually, the order of importance of the major countries for the year 1938 is found to be Japan, the United States of America, Germany, and Great Britain, with respective totals for their imports and exports of $326 million, $238 million, $169 million, and $127 million, representing an increase in the case of Japan of $91 million and decreases in the case of the United States of America of $182 million, in the case of Germany of $50 million, and in the case of Great Britain of $66 million. In percentages the order in the case of imports is Japan, 23.49 per cent.; the United States of America, 16.93 per cent.; Germany, 12.64 per cent.; and Great Britain, 7.90 per cent.; and in the case of exports is Japan, 15.25 per cent.; the United States of America, 11.37 per cent.; Great Britain, 7.43 per cent.; and Germany, 7.39 per cent.

The percentage of the import trade attributed to Hongkong was 2.75 per cent. and of the export trade 31.87 per cent., it being well known, as hitherto pointed out, that Hongkong serves primarily as an entrepôt for Chinese trade. The increase in Hongkong's percentage of the export trade from 19.42 per cent. during 1937 to 31.87 per cent. during 1938 is due to the diversion of Chinese exports via Canton and Hongkong, direct shipment abroad from Shanghai and other ports being impeded by the hostilities and the Japanese blockade of the Yangtze River and China Coast.

The excess of imports was highest in the case of Japan with $93 million, followed by the United States of America with $64 million, by Germany with $56 million, by Netherlands India with $39 million, and by Australia with $24 million.

Imports Value Decline

The total net value of the import trade declined by 7 per cent., from $953 million in 1937 to $886 million for 1938. Such changes as have taken place may be largely ascribed to conditions brought about by the hostilities. It will be noticed that the cereals and flour group has resumed its foremost position, this being largely due to an increase in the import of wheat flour, principally from Japan and Australia, total imports being valued for 1938 at $53 million as compared with only $6 million during 1937; there was also an increase in the value of rice and paddy from $40.8 million to $56.4 million, largely from Burma, French Indo-China, and Siam; while cereals, not otherwise recorded, principally from the Kwantung Leased Territory, reached a value of $17.5 million as compared with only $0.6 million during the previous year.

Under candles, soap, oils, etc., the value fell from $118.5 million to $91.3 million, imports of gasolene, naphtha, and mineral benzine declining from $27.6 million to $20.5 million; of liquid fuel, from $14.9 to $10.7 million; and of kerosene oil, from $47.8 million to $30 million. Metals and ores witnessed a severe decline from $131.6 million to $65 million, the decline being general under all headings but being principally noticeable under ungalvanized iron and steel bars, which fell in value from $13.9 million to $6.5 million; under rails, which fell from $13.6 million to $2.1 million; under ungalvanized sheets and plates, from $14.7 million to $6 million; and under tinned plates, which declined from $17.1 million to $10.3 million.

Fewer Exports

The net value of exports declined from $838 million to $763 million, or by 8.95 per cent. Under exports, textile fibres again head the list with an appreciable increase in value from $128.2 million to $165.1 million, exports to Japan increasing by $53.4 million and to Kwantung Leased Territory by over $15 million, with a decline in exports to the United States of America from $40.3 million to $15.5 million. The most noticeable feature under this group was the increased value of exports of raw cotton to Japan from $19.5 million to $71.1 million, and to the Kwantung Leased Territory from $500,000 to $13.7 million.

Also of note was the decline in the value of silk exported, particularly raw silk (white, steam filature), which declined in value from $37.4 million to $22.9 million, the export to the United States of America declining by approximately $10 million. The export of sheep's wool was severely handicapped, declining in value from $19.4 million to $7 million, exports to the United States of America falling in value from $13.4 million to $500,000 only.

New York Chinese Celebrate New Year

Chinese New Year was celebrated by Chinese residents of New York with a parade through Mott Street, New York City. Many anti-Japanese banners were carried and a gigantic money banner formed part of the parade to collect funds for relief work.

Chinese Sentenced For Extortion

Bank Official Victim of Threat Attempt

Chang Kuo-tseng and Wan Hsiao-chang, convicted extortioners, were each sentenced to one year's imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court. They were found to have written several extortion letters to Mr. Kung Shan-keng, an official of the Bank of China.

The bank official was assigned to look after a godown of a Chinese copper shop in Avenue Road. Thinking that he was rich, the accused wrote the extortion letters to him demanding a sum running into four figures. Negotiations between their intended victim and themselves enabled the police to discover their trick and they were soon arrested in the western district. When they tried to extort money they posed as guerillas.

In another extortion case, two suspects were declared not guilty yesterday by the same court. The released men are Yen Yi-chung, manager of a massage bath house in Yu Ya Ching Road, and a friend named Sheng Ching-yung. They were alleged by the manager of another massage bath house located in the same street to have written extortion letters to him demanding $3,000.

It was found out by the police that the extortion letters were not written by the two suspects. A lawyer of the suspects told the court that the plaintiff hated the two men because one of the latter failed to return some money which he lost in a mah jongg game in which the plaintiff participated.

Film Censorship Board Activities

Of the 33 feature film productions reviewed by the Shanghai Censorship Board during the month of February, 31 were passed without question and the remaining two were approved after some objectional parts had been deleted. Of the short films, according to the February report of the Commissioner of Police, 60 were passed without question and one with deletions. Five newsreels were passed complete and four approved with cuts.

Significant, in connection with the increase in the number of Shanghai's amusement centres, was the statement that three new theatres, one in the Settlement and two in the French Concession, were opened during February.

Shanghai Crime on Decrease

418 Fewer Cases Last Month Than January, But Increase On February, 1938

The total of 1,728 cases of crime dealt with by the Shanghai Municipal Police in February shows a decrease of 418 in comparison with that for January and an increase of 347 as compared with the figure for the corresponding month of last year. The figures for February also contain 120 crimes brought to light by Police investigation, according to the report of the Commissioner of Police.

Arrests for crime committed during the month show a decrease as compared with the figures for January 1939 and December 1938. 1,637 persons having been arrested in February as against 1,753 in January and 1,672 in December 1938. In addition 214 persons were taken into custody for crimes committed in previous months. Forty-eight persons were arrested on behalf of other authorities.

Included in the arrests effected in February for crimes committed within the jurisdiction of the Shanghai Municipal Police are 173 persons in connection with armed crimes. Thirty-five firearms were seized together with a large quantity of ammunition. It is worthy of note that during the first nine days of February 144 persons connected with armed crime were arrested and 18 firearms seized.

Seven cases of murder were recorded. Seven cases of attempted murder were reported. There were two cases of manslaughter and three cases of simple abduction, seven less than in January and an increase of two as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

There were 61 reports of armed robbery, 21 less than in January and a decrease of one as compared with the figure for the corresponding period of last year. There were 19 other robberies, a decrease of 7 as compared with the figure for January. The number of housebreakings recorded was 58 as compared with 46 in January. The number was 36, a decrease of 19 as compared with the figure for January. There were 975 cases of simple theft, a decrease of 353 as compared with the previous month.

Eighteen reports of crime which occurred in territory formerly patrolled by and under the jurisdiction of the Shanghai City Government Police, were recorded and investigated during the month of February by the Shanghai Municipal Police, but are not included in the foregoing figures.

The number of offenders released under Government Amnesty was nil. Since the commencement of the Amnesty Scheme 3,006 persons have been released, whilst 1,287 of these ex-convicts have been re-arrested for offences committed since their release. Since the commencement of the Conditional Release scheme 559 prisoners have been liberated; 85 have been rearrested; 4 have since died; 14 are wanted for various reasons.

One of London Zoo's pet rabbits which escaped from the "Children's Zoo" last summer has been recaptured. It was not known for some time whether it was still in the Gardens but at Christmas it left unmistakable tracks in the snow. It has lately been having nightly meals at the expense of a bed of wallflowers, and when it was traced to the foot of a tree in one of the bison paddocks, a gardener put his arm down the hole and pulled it out.

An excellent window display of the famous Vat 69 Liqueur Scotch Whisky by Messrs. L. Rondon & Co., Ltd.

Customs Report Notes Wide Range in War Loss Estimates

Shanghai Damage Varies From $800,000,000 to Four Billions; How Mills and Factories Fared

AN attempt is made in the Customs survey of China's trade for 1938, published today, to assess property and industrial losses caused by the hostilities. At present these estimates cover only limited areas, but as the survey points out, they are largely conjectural and vary to an astonishing degree. In Shanghai, for instance, estimates of losses have been variously assessed at totals ranging from $800,000,000 to $4,000,000,000, states the survey.

Damages at Nanking have been estimated at $246 million, and direct losses to Chinese shipping at $70 million. Of foreign investments in China valued at the start of hostilities at approximately U.S. $3,500 million, U.S. $800 million are claimed to have been irrevocably lost, American losses up to July being assessed at U.S. $200 million, British losses at probably double that figure, while losses to German enterprises have been equally impressive.

During the three months' hostilities in and around Shanghai, destruction to Chinese industrial establishments is estimated to have been from 30 to 100 per cent. according to district. Of the 90 odd Chinese cotton mills in China, 31 were in the Shanghai area, of which 23 were damaged to varying extent. Destruction here was not as serious as in the case of the 15 mills in industrial areas on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, which suffered severe losses. Out of a total of 47 Japanese cotton mills in China, 30 are located in Shanghai, but, in contrast to the entire destruction of Japanese mills in Tsingtao, only one of the Japanese mills in Shanghai suffered damages necessitating a stoppage of work. 197 machine dyeing, printing, and weaving concerns were stated by the Dyeing and Weaving Association to have been completely destroyed, with estimated losses of over $9 million. Silk filatures in and around the Shanghai area suffered losses estimated at $100 million, while at Wusih 46 filatures were damaged during the hostilities. Estimated losses in the comparatively recent rubber industry amounted to $5 million.

Flour Mills Wrecked

Of the numerous bigger flour mills in China, only 15 were in Shanghai, eight of which were known to have been destroyed. Capital invested in tobacco factories was over $12 million. Out of the 18 bigger concerns, eight were destroyed with a loss of over $5 million. The Commercial Press, which suffered a $16 million loss in 1932, suffered again to the extent of between ½ million to 1 million dollars. The Kai Min Book Company's premises in Hongkew, capitalised at $300,000, were completely destroyed, while some 200 small printing establishments were also ruined. Thirteen of the larger Chinese timber mills in Nantao and eight in Chapei were damaged or destroyed. The Shanghai Portland Cement Company, with a $2 million investment in machinery alone, was badly damaged. The Kiangwan Chemical Works in Chapei reported a 40 per cent. loss; the Alcohol Plant at Pootung was damaged; while numerous other chemical and paint and varnish works suffered severely.

Chinese soap works and tanneries lost extensively, while the machine-made paper industry, representing a capital investment of over $17 million, suffered badly. The section of Chapei at one time crowded with small machine and metal works was entirely razed. Larger losses outside the Settlement included the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Company's plant in Nantao, the Oriental Iron Works, the Ming Ching Printing Machine Manufacturing Company in Chapei, and the China Scientific Instrument Company's factory at Chenju.

Merely Indicative

Damaged enterprises included many of the newer and better organized factories, such as the China Can Company, which was destroyed with losses estimated at $1 million, the well-equipped Chinese Educational Goods Factory and the Da Hwa Educational Goods Factory, both of which were also destroyed.

What has taken place at Shanghai is merely an indication of what has occurred at other occupied ports on the Yangtze River, along the coast, and in Canton—where all industrial plants, water and electricity works, the General Post Office, and most of the city's modern business sections were almost entirely destroyed by fire. To these losses must be added the incalculable damage suffered in the interior of China due to destruction by the invading armies, the Chinese "scorched earth" policy, and the floods in North China and in those provinces bordering the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers. Despite all the damage sustained in the coastal areas, much valuable equipment hah been moved westward, the plants, machinery, and staff of many industries in Chekiang, Kiangsu, and Anhwei having been transported with Government aid to zones of comparative safety in China's hinterland. In addition to Government aid, considerable private capital has been invested, resulting in the opening of a new era of industrial and agricultural development in the West and the opening of many new avenues to trade. The losses sustained as a result of hostilities, the diversion of shipping, the closure of the Yangtze River to navigation, the blockade of the coast, and the bombing of towns, roads, and railways were incalculably heavy.

Unknown Chinese Found Shot in "Ta Tao" Land

Identity of Victim Not Yet Established

An unidentified Chinese was found dead in an alleyway about 60 yards off Jessfield Road in "Ta Tao" territory early yesterday morning, having presumably been killed during the night. "Ta Tao" policemen who made the find summoned a Settlement emergency ambulance and the body was conveyed to the Red Cross Hospital on Avenue Haig.

No papers of identification were found on the body, the only thing discovered, being 10 rounds of Mauser ammunition.

Officers from headquarters were understood to have made preliminary investigations and it was learned yesterday evening that, according to the present stage of enquiries, the man is not known to the police and presumably has no criminal record.

Refugee Co-operatives Solve Huge Problem

Means of Livelihood for Destitute Found

Recent letters from Hunan, teeming refugee depot of the nation, bring news that the ranks of the starving and destitute are slowly beginning to thin out as idle hands turn once again to production under the stimulus of government loans through the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives.

When Dr. H. H. Kung, with K. P. Liu, former Whangpoo Conservancy Board engineer, and Rewi Alley, at one time with the Shanghai Municipal Council, mapped out the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives in Hankow last August, no one had any idea of the overwhelming size of the refugee problem that would have to be faced. But as the war has settled down, rough counting reveals that there are anywhere from 30,000,000 to 60,000,000 people who have thrown themselves on the "free" area still under Chungking's control. That these hordes are seriously eating into the productive power of the people has not been denied by even the most pro-Chinese observers. Under the sheer weight of these waves of hungry, disease-ridden fugitives the scattered strength of China has often seemed fair to be smothered.

Crisis in Hunan

In Hunan, beginning with February, the Provincial Government was forced to suspend its refugee relief payments of 10 cents daily because of the crushing burden on the war-taxed populace. In the south-western part of the province this left some 7,000 homeless people, 5,000 of whom were women and children, with no place to turn for existence. Some tried to scatter into the country and beg from the farmers, some tried to stay in the towns and villages to pick up what they could, and finally others have attempted to return to their original homes, even though those homes are in occupied territory. As far as the farmers were concerned, however, the countryside has been overrun with beggars and bandits.

Under the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives in south-west Hunan some 200 of these unfortunates were rapidly organized into small industrial units to support themselves and at the same time to fill the overwhelming demand for goods in that area. The Director of the South-west Headquarters for the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives states that these 200 workers are now directly supporting 300 additional people who are dependent on them for life.

Loan to be Repaid

At first the refugee co-operatives were faced with almost certain loss of their original loan simply because the workers had nothing in the way of tools or equipment, and thus most of the money borrowed had to be taken from the amount designed for buying raw materials. However, the Hsien administration leaped to the rescue and contributed $300 to keep the work afloat. Although this collection of 200 refugees has been at work under the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives for less than two months, the original loan and its interest seem in a fair way to be completely repaid soon.

After the terrible Changsha fire, thousands and thousands of workers scattered into the country and soon found themselves destitute. The industrial co-operatives are looking for these men and women, and when the necessary funds come in, these workers will be financed to return to Changsha to dig up the valuable small, light machinery now buried, move it and themselves to safer places, and then begin anew in their respective trades. At all costs the authorities wish to keep these skilled men from drifting back into any areas that might possibly be seized and exploited to the advantage of the invaders. Hence the mobile Chinese Industrial Co-operatives are proving valuable in being able to move with the workers as they are forced to refugee to safer parts.

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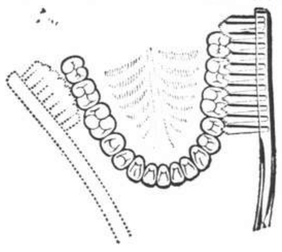

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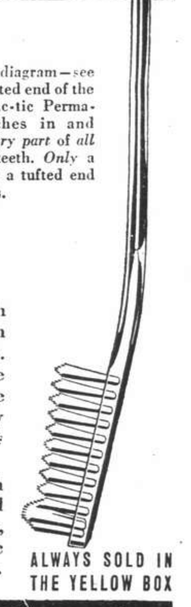

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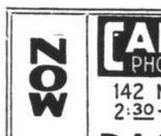

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6 months' sight docts 8 1/16
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It was reported there was a little general selling. Demand was poor. Market quietly steady. After the official fixing the market ruled quiet, with small buyers at the fixed rate. There were sellers at 1/16th over.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8¼ sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was steady to firm. At the opening there were sellers for near delivery at 8 7/16 sterling and 16⅛ U.S.$ and there was a gradual improvement until the close and an active business.

At the close there were sellers at:

8 5/16	sterling	16 1/16	U.S.$	March
8 5/16	„	16⅛	„	April
8 7/16	„	16 1/16	„	May

Foreign Exchanges

London £ Sterling T. T. on: Mar. 21.

New York	468.25	Berne	20.82
Paris	176.81	Shanghai	3 3/16d N
Berlin	11.69½	Bombay	1/5 3/32
Amsterdam	8.82¼	Hongkong	1/2 1/32
Brussels	27.83½	Singapore	2/3 5/32
Madrid	100.00	Yokohama	1/2
Milan	89.63	„ (Buying)	Unq.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.10	Brazil	5.90
Spain	Unq.	Japan	27.32
Holland	54.09	Shanghai	16.30
Paris	2.64 7/8	Hungary	19.80
Brussels	16.83	Rumania	0.73
Italy	5.26¼	Yugo Slavia	2.30
S'zerland	22.49	Greece	0.86
Sweden	24.14	Bulgaria	1.25
Norway	23.54	Finland	2.06½
Denmark	20.96	Poland	18.88
Montreal	99.460		

London	4.68 3/8
„ Demand	4.68 3/8
„ Bankers' 60 days bills	4.67 5/32
„ Commercial 60 days bills	4.67 5/32
Buenos Aires, Paper	29.05
Buenos Aires, Paper market rate	23.15
Montreal on London	4.71

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London Mar. 21.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	0 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	0 1/8%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
„ „	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B 0 7/8%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 3/4%B 0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Ewo Mills Dividend

At a meeting of the Consulting Committee of Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd. yesterday it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to apportion the amount at credit of Profit & Loss Account at December 31, 1938 (after deducting the interim dividend declared in December, 1938 of $900,000) of $5,469,404.84 as follows:

To pay dividend on preference shares at rate of 8 per cent. per annum Tls. 72,000 @ 71.5	$100,699.30
To pay a final dividend on 1,350,000 ordinary shares of $2.75 per share	3,712,500.00
To write off buildings, plant and machinery and other fixed assets	450,000.00
To transfer to equalization of dividends fund	150,000.00
To transfer to machinery modernization account ...	400,000.00
To transfer to special repairs and renewals reserve	200,000.00
To transfer to Chinese superannuation fund	50,000.00
To transfer to staff bonus and contingencies	150,000.00
To sundries	1,415.82
To carry forward to new account	274,789.72
	$5,469,404.84

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Mar. 21.

Today's share market opened more friendly than on the previous days, taking no notice the announced 25 per cent. increase of the United States customs tariff on German goods. While some shares made good the losses suffered during the last days, Continental Rubber dropped 1.25 to 208.25 and Berlin Machines lost 1.5 to 118.

Call money stood unchanged at 2⅛ to 2⅜ per cent.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

There was much more life in the market this morning as far as "general" issues were concerned, Rubbers being entirely neglected.

Spectacular rise took shape in Ewos on the news, late in the morning, that a dividend of $2.75 had been declared. Opening with business at $18.70, some 32,000 shares changed hands at rates up to $19.50 at the noon closing there were still buyers at $19.30 and sellers at $19.50.

Official Averages

1939 High	1939 Low	Today's Averages	Changes
154.37	105.32 General	144.60	+0.79
152.40	95.55 Rubbers	142.99½	−0.69

Total 53,439 shares, 250 bonds.

Morning Session

$2,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 90.75
$10,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	91.00
$10,000	S. M. C. 5½% Debs.	96.50
$5,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	99.75
1,000	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.70
500	Kaiping	25.25
2,300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.80
400	Tram (Bearer) £1	39.50
350	C. G. Omnibus	24.00
1,000	New Eng. (Ord)	6.75
2,900	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.50
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.80
800	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.00
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.10
100	Wheelock	34.50
1,700	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.00
400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.10
2,000	S'hai Loan	5.90
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.00
1,000	Yangtsze Finance	6.40
35	S'nai Power (Pref)	128.75
500	Exploration	8.10
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.90
500	Exploration	8.15
1,000	Tram (Bearer) £1	39.75
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.75
665	Wheelock	34.25
50	S'hai Dock	102.50
500	Exploration	8.10
1,000	S'hai Loan	5.85
3,000	I. I. Trust	3.80
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.80
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.90
300	Wheelock	34.50
500	Exploration	8.15
15	H. & S. Bank	£86/10/-
1,000	China Realty	$ 0.89
2,000	Tebong	0.86
1,000	Cheng	0.47
1,000	Cheng	0.48
400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.80
100	Anglo Java	15.50
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.00
1,000	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.90
1,500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.00
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.20
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.10
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.20
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.90
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.20
500	S'hai Loan	5.90
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.30
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.20
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.00
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.10
1,300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.50
250	Wheelock	34.50
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.50
1,600	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.50
400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.30
700	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.30
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.50
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.30
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.30
2,600	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
2,000	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
1,000	J. Consolidated	2.55
500	S'hai Loan	5.90
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.70
1,300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.50
100	Caldbeck Macg. (Pref)	19.00
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.30
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.50
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.30
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
600	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.50
1,300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.30
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.50

ODD LOTS

50 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 18.50
49 Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.40
200 S'hai Loan	5.90
100 S'hai Land	9.10
25 Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.50
150 S'hai Land	9.20
100 S'hai Loan	5.90

U.S. Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 21.

With the situation in Washington regarding the crop programme still confused and further talk of an export subsidy, the cotton market weakened under liquidation and Wall Street selling, closing barely steady at 4 to 12 points below yesterday's final quotations.

The market for raw rubber firmed up on higher London cables and in sympathy with Wall Street, although continued caution and a lack of aggressive support restricted the gains, prices finishing the session 9 to 13 points up from the previous closing levels.

Wheat futures in Chicago turned easy in sympathy with the foreign markets and on scattered liquidation induced by the lessened foreign tension, prices closing ⅜ to ½ cent per bushel off.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
May	8.21-21 —04	May	15.92-96 +09
July	7.98-98 —07	July	15.93B-95A +13
Oct.	7.67-67 —09	Sept.	15.95-95 +13
Dec.	7.61-61 —10	Dec.	15.94-94 +13
Jan.	7.60-60 —11		
Mar.	7.63 N. —12		

New York Sugar No. 4	New York Silk
May 1.17½-18 +½ B/A	Mar. (No. 1 Cont.)
July 1.17½-18 +½ B/A	2.20B-21A +03

Chicago Wheat	Chicago Corn
May 67½-67⅝ —½	May 47⅝-47¾ —⅛
July 67⅝-67¾ —½	July 49⅜-49⅝ —⅛
Sept. 68⅜-68¾ —⅜	Sept. 50⅜-50⅜ —⅛

Winnipeg Wheat

May	60½-60½ —1¼
July	61⅛-61⅛ —1
Oct.	62⅛-62⅛ —1

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 21.

Among commodities, wheat ruled easy owing to poor United Kingdom demand for actual wheat, coupled with the easing of the European tension.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 7 13/16 unc; sellers 8 1/16 unc; Apr./June del. buyers 8 unc; sellers 8⅛ +1/16.

London Sugar (Buyers): May 6/4¼ +¼; Aug. 6/4 +¼; Dec. 6/2 unc.

Liverpool Wheat: Mar. 4/3⅜ —1¼; May 4/4¾ —1⅜; July (new contract) 4/4⅛ —1½.

Liverpool Cotton: Amer. Futures: Mar. 4.83 +10; May 4.80 +10; July 4.65 +7; Oct. 4.54 +5. Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract: Mar. 6.77 +6; May 6.83 +7; July 6.88 +7; Sept. 6.88 +8.

London Metals: Copper, Stan. Cash sellers £43 3/16 +7/16; 3 mths del. sellers £43 5/16 +7/16; Electrolytic buyers £49¼ +¼; sellers £49¼ +½; Tin, Stan. Cash sellers £216 +1; 3 mths del. sellers £214¾ +½; Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £15 +⅛; 3 mths del. sellers £15⅛ +¼; Spelter, Ordinary, official price, sellers £14 +5/16; 3 mths del. sellers £14⅛ +¼.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 21.

The apparent easing of the European political tension was reflected in higher stock prices today, the market opening firm and moving irregularly higher in quiet trading. Some attention was given to domestic trade news, which continued generally favourable, but operators maintained a close watch on foreign developments. Sentiment was somewhat more hopeful and it was considered further clarification of the European situation would pave the way for a further recovery. The turnover totalled 690,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Summary

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	144.31	142.67	143.41	+2.13
20 Rails	30.23	29.96	30.01	+0.55
15 Utils.	24.35	23.94	24.17	+0.43
40 Bonds	—	—	90.53	+0.38
11 Commod.	—	—	47.79	−0.07

	Mar. 20	21
Adams Express	8¾	8¾
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	20½	21
Allied Stores	9	9½
Allis Chalmers	40½	40¼
Amerada Corp.	62	63
Amer. Can	88⅜	88⅝
Amer. & For. Power	2⅞	2⅞
„ „ $7 pfd.	16	16½
Amer. Gas & Elec.	35¼	36½
Amer. Locomotive	22⅛	22¾
Amer. Metal	33	33⅜
Amer. Radiator	14½	14⅜
Amer. Rolling Mill	16⅜	17
Amer. Smelting	42⅜	43⅛
Amer. Sugar Refining	20	20¼
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	154½	157⅜
Amer. Tobacco "B"	84¾	85¼
Amer. Waterworks	11⅝	11⅞
Anaconda Copper	26¾	27⅜
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	33⅛	34
Auburn	—	—
Baltimore & Ohio	5⅞	6
Barber Asphalt Corp	16⅜	16¾
Barnsdall Oil Co.	15½	16¼
Bendix Aviation	23¾	24¾
Bethlehem Steel	66¾	67⅝
Boeing Airplane Co.	25⅝	26¼
Borg Warner	28⅜	28⅞
Briggs Mfg. Co.	24	24½
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans.	10⅜	10¼
„ $6 cum. pfd.	—	—
Can. Pacific Rly.	4⅜	4½
Case, J.I.	84	86
Celanese Corp.	20	20¼
Chase Nat. Bank	B 30¾	B 31¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	34¾	36⅜
Chrysler	74⅝	75⅞
Columbia Gas & Elec.	7	7⅛
„ 6% "A" pfd.	B 86½	87⅞
Coml. Credit	50	51½
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1⅝	1½
„ $6 cum. pfd.	55½	56½
Consolid. Edison	31⅛	31⅞
Consolid. Oil	8	8¼
Continental Can	38½	40
Continental Oil	27½	27⅝
Corn Products	63	65⅛
Curtiss Wright (com.)	6	6¼
„ „ "A"	24⅜	25
Deere & Cor.	20⅝	21¼
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	17⅝	18½
Douglas Aircraft	68	68⅜
Du Pont de Nemours	147	149½
Eagle Picher Lead	10½	10¾
Eaton Manufacturing Co.	23	23⅝
Elec. Auto Lite	33½	34⅛
Elec. Bond & Share	9⅞	10
„ $5 pfd.	—	59
„ $6 pfd.	67	B 67
Engineers Public Serv.	9⅞	10
Elec. Pwr. & Lt.	34	34¾
Flintkote	24⅞	25⅞
Food Machinery Corp.	27¼	B 26½
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	53½	53
Gen. Elec.	38⅝	39¼
Gen. Motors	46⅛	46¾
Gen. Rly. Signal	19¾	20¾
Glidden Co.	19¾	20¼
Goodrich (B.F.)	20⅛	20¾
„ $5 pfd.	70½	—
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	31⅝	32
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	14½	14⅝
Great Nthrn. Rly.	24¾	25¼
Great Western Sugar	25⅜	26⅜
Greyhound Corp.	18⅞	*19⅜
Hecker Products	10⅝	10¾
Homestake Min.	62⅞	64¼
Indus. Rayon	24¼	25½
Int. Harvester	59	59⅜
Int. Nickel	48¼	49¾
Int. Tel. & Tel.	8	8⅛
Johns Manville	83	88½
Jones & Laughlin 7%	43	B 48⅝
Kennecott	35¼	36⅜
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	48¾	50
Lockheed Aircraft	30⅜	31⅜
Loew's Inc.	46¼	46⅝
Manhattan Shirt Co.	—	—
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	35	35⅜
McKesson & Robbins	11¼	11¼
Monsanto Chemical	100	101½
Montgomery Ward	48⅜	49½
Nat. City Bank	B 24¼	B 25
Nat. Dairy Products	14⅛	14¾
Nat. Distillers	26⅝	28
Nat. Gypsum	13⅞	14⅛
Nat. Lead	22⅝	22¾
Nat. Power & Lt.	8	8⅜
Nat. Steel Corp.	72½	72¼
Nat. Supply Co.	10½	10¾
New York Central	17⅛	17⅝
Niagara Hudson Power	8⅜	8⅜
North Amer. Aviation	16⅞	16⅞
North Amer. Co.	22½	22⅞
Northern Pacific	10⅝	10⅞
Pacific Gas & Elec.	31⅛	32¼
Pacific Lighting	45⅛	46¼
Packard Motors	3¾	3⅞
Paramount Pictures Inc.	9⅜	9½
Pennsylvania R.R.	20	20½
Phelps Dodge	37	37¾
Phillips Petroleum	37⅞	38⅝
Public Serv.	34⅞	35⅜
Pullman, Inc.	32¼	33
Pure Oil	6⅛	6⅛
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7	7
Republic Steel Co.	18⅜	19
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38¾	38⅝
Richfield Oil Corp.	8½	8¾
Safeway Stores	33¼	33¾
Schenley	14⅞	15⅞
Schenley 5½% pfd.	71½	71½
Sears Roebuck	72	71⅞
Shell Union Oil	12¼	12⅜
Socony Vacuum	12⅜	12⅜
Southern Pacific	16	15⅞
Sthrn. Rly. 5% pfd.	25¼	26¾
Sperry Corp.	42½	42⅝
Stand. Brands	6⅝	6⅝
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3⅛	3⅜
Stand. Oil of California	28⅛	28⅜
Stand. Oil of N.J.	45⅞	46
Stone & Webster	13	13¼
Swift International	27⅛	27⅝
Technicolor	17½	17½
Texas Corp.	42	42¾
Texas Gulf Sulphur	29⅞	29⅞
Transamerica	6⅛	6¼
Tw. Century Fox Film.	21⅛	21¼
Tw. Century Fox Film, pfd.	—	—
Un. Carbide & Carbon	81⅝	83
Un. Pacific	96⅛	99
Un. Aircraft	38⅛	38½
Un. Air Lines Trans.	10⅞	11⅛
Un. Corp.	2⅞	3
Un. Corp. $3 cum. pfd.	35⅛	35⅞
Un. Gas Corp.	2½	2½
Un. Gas Improvement	12¼	12⅜
U. S. Rubber	44	44¾
U.S. Rubber 8% pfd.	100	101¼
U.S. Steel	55¾	57⅛
Vanadium	24	24¾
Warner Bros. Pictures	5⅜	5¾
Westinghouse Elec.	104½	106½
Woodward Iron	19¾	20½

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	52½	55¼
Brazil	17¾	18⅝
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	21⅜	21
Cities Serv. Power & Lt.	78¾	81
Erie R. R.	11	11⅝
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	66½	67⅞
Minas Geraes	B 10	B 11⅜
New England Gas	62½	63¾
Peru	10⅝	10⅝
Rio Grande do Sul	B 9¾	B 11
Southern Pacific R.R.	51	53
Sao Paulo	B 10	B 10⅛
Stand. Gas & Elec.	62½	62⅞

WEEKLY CLOSING STOCKS

	Mar. 14	21
Air Associates	B 8½	B 8⅛
Alasaka Juneau	9⅛	9
Amer. Brake Shoe & Fdry.	48⅛	43¼
Ass. Gas & Elec.	10⅝	8⅝
Atlan. Gulf & W.	17¾	B 15¼
Atlan. Refining	22⅛	21¼
Atlas Corp.	8¼	7¾
Baltimore & Ohio	6⅝	7¾
Bank of Amer.	*B 34¾	B 33⅝
Borden Co.	21⅜	19⅛
Chesapeake Corp.	B 23¼	22
Chic. & North Western	0⅝	0⅝
Coml. Solvents	11⅞	11
Consumers Pwr. $4.50 pfd.	B 96¼	B 95¼
Corn Products 7% pfd.	B 172½	B 173
Coty Inc.	6⅛	5¾
Crane Co.	34⅞	29⅝
Delaware & Hudson	24¼	20⅞
Dist. Corp. Seagrams	B 85	B 84
Elec. Boat Co.	12¾	12¼
Elec. Power & Lt.	11	9¾
Elec. Storage Battery	30	B 28½
Freeport Sulphur	23½	22
Gen. Cigar	23⅝	22¾
Gen. Foods	42	41⅞
Gen. Mills	81	82
Granby Cons. Mining	7¼	6½
Int. Dept. Stores	14⅝	12⅞
Lorillard	*23¼	22⅜
Masonite Cor.	54¼	49½
Mountain City Copper	6	5¼
Mueller Brass	28⅛	25
Nash Kelvinator	8⅜	7⅛
Nat. Power & Lt.	8¾	B 7¾
Patino Mines	11⅜	B 10⅜
Sthrn. Cal. Edison	27	26¾
Sthrn. Rly.	20½	18⅛
Sterling Products	74⅜	74¼
Texas Pacific Land Trust	8½	7¾
Tidewater Ass. Oil	14	13⅜
Timken Detroit Axle	16⅜	14¾
Un. Biscuit	B 17⅜	17
Un. Light & Power "A"	B 2½	2⅜
U. S. Pipe & Fdry.	48½	44
U. S. Realty & Imp.	5½	4⅞
U. S. Smelt.	59	55
Westinghouse Air Brakes	28¼	25
Yellow Truck & Coach "B"	19⅜	17½
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	49⅝	43½

WEEKLY CLOSING BONDS

	Mar. 13	20
Anglo-Chilean Nitrate	26	23½
Argentine	78⅛	76¼
Bethlehem Steel	104	103
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	78½	75
Chic. Milwaukee, St.	10¼	8¾
Columbia Gas & Elec.	102	100¼
Denver & Rio Grande	B 12⅜	B 12⅛
Elec. Power & Lt.	80½	75
Mortgage Bank	B 26¼	B 25
Nat. Power & Lt.	99½	98⅝
„ Dec.	104¼	104
New England Power	98¼	95¾
New York, Chic.	B 74½	B 69
Oklahoma	B 105⅜	B 105
Oslo	100½	100⅝
Republic Steel	94	93
Republic of Colombia	26½	23⅜
Sthrn. Rly.	76⅛	69

B—Bid *—Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices today rallied and, although trading lightened, a wide technical recovery was recorded. The foreign tension eased and the London stock market improved, while the news indicated higher steel company earnings. Traders were still cautious and there was some uneasiness concerning the Securities and Exchange Committee's successor to Mr. Douglas, the outgoing Chairman. Lower gasoline prices were also noted, and there was some fear of a split among the railroads concerning legislative plans. The Chilean Senate was reported to be considering replacing the proposed export copper tax with a higher income tax on copper producers. Oils and minings closed fractionally higher.

The commodities were mixed, with wheat and cotton easier and copper, rubber, silk and hides firm.

London Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 21.

Trading on the Stock Exchange was active today, with commercial and industrial issues recovering yesterday's losses. Oil shares and minings also moved up on a better Continental enquiry.—Reuter.

	Mar. 20	21
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£96	96 7/8

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	53	37½
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	45	42½

Osaka, Mar. 22.

Kogo 5%	Y.103.78

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	18/9	18/9
Armstrong Stevens	7/9	7/9
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	40/-	40/1½
Austin Motors, ord.	30/7½	32/1½
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	21/6	22/3
British American Tob.	93/1	96/10½
Cable & W., new form	43	43
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/9	8/-
Courtaulds	25/9	26/6
Distillers	89/6	90/9
Dunlop Rubber	26/-XD	26/4½
General Elec. (Eng.)	76/6	77/10½
Guinness (A.) Son & Co.	103/-	102/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	23/6	21/11½
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/10½	30/3
Imp. Tobacco	127/6	131/3
Leyland Motors	85/-	89/4½
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	57/3	58/3
Pressed Steel, com.	16/1½	17/3
Rolls-Royce	103/1½	110/-
Smethwick Drop Forgings	16/-	16/-
Tate & Lyle	56/-	60/7½
Turner & Newall	75/10½	77/6
United Steel	23/-	23/6
Vickers, ord.	20/6XD	21/1½
Woolworths	59/4½	60/7½

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	23/6	25/-
Rubber Pltn. Inv.	26/3	27/9

MINES

Burma Corp.	7/9	8/3
Commonwealth Min.	1/3	1/11½
Marsman Invest.	15/-	16/6
Randfontein Ests.	34/4½	35/6
Sub-Nigel	222/6	222/6
Tanami Gold Min.	4½d.	4½d.
Western Holdings	9/3	10/-

OILS

Anglo Iranian	87/6	88/1½
Burmah	78/9	81/3
Mexican Eagle	7/1½	7/1½
Shell Trans. & Trad.	80/4½	82/6

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£75	75
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	67½	67
4½% Anglo-French Loan	55	55
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	37½	37
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	52	52
6% Stg. Notes, 1925	17	17
5% Honan Rly., 1905	23	23
5% Hukuang Rly. 1913	23	23
5% „ „ (Ger. Is.)	18	18
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	16½	16½
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	24	24
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	16	16
5% „ „ G.	16	16
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	16	16
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	16	16
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	21	22½
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8⅝ XD	8⅝
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	83	85
„ „ (Col. Reg.)	81	84
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/-	17/6
Chosen Corp.	6/-	6/-
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Guia Kalumpong Rubber	17/6	18/9

XD—Ex Dividend. N—Nominal.

New York Market Advances

New York, Mar. 21.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange rallied today and extended early gains to one to three points. Most issues held their gains at the close. The advance was ascribed to technical factors instead of actual demand. Bonds, including United States Government issues, also were better.

Indications that the Securities and Exchange Commission and the exchanges would overcome their differences and produce a plan for revision of certain sections of the Securities Act brought improved sentiment.

Firmer copper prices resulted from bigger demand for armament expansion which brought buying of coppers. Anticipation of higher enrnings aided steels. Utilities gained fractions of a point and rails were up more than a point. Motors were strong and oils were higher.

Caution prevailed and the session was marked by light trading. Wall Street hears that building equipments are attracting investment buying. United Carbon's first quarter earnings will exceed the same period of 1938.

National Biscuit Co. in the first quarter will pay 40 cents per common share as compared with 35 cents in 1938. General Electric and Westinghouse are regarded as good investments.

Favourable market factors today included:

1. The easing of foreign tension.
2. The improvement of the London market.
3. Indications of higher steel earnings.
4. Further gains in carloadings.

Among the unfavourable factors were these:

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Consolidated Pays 12 Cent Dividend

Big Replanting Programme Continued; Importance of Rejuvenation

The annual meeting of the Consolidated Rubber Estates (1914) Ltd., was held yesterday at 20 Canton Road, Mr. W. Mellor, Chairman, presiding, Shares represented totalled 59,465.

The chairman said: Before commencing the business of the meeting, it is my sad duty to refer to the great loss the Company has sustained by the death last April of Mr. W. B. O. Middleton, who was a director of the Company for many years and our Chairman since 1935 and whose presence has been sadly missed.

I will commence by saying a few words on the work that has been undertaken on the estates during the year, and their condition generally. You will have noted from the report that in replanting 36 acres on Sitiawan, and 56.75 acres on Alexandra and Sungei Nibong, the Directors are continuing their replanting programme commenced in 1937.

This year, unfortunately, an unfavourable spell of weather coincided with the planting out which was not completed until late in December. Most estates appear to have suffered, in one way or another, from the effects of an exceptionally dry year, with long spells of rainless days, the total rainfall being much below the average and the second smallest since 1923.

In continuance of this programme, it is intended to replant a further 125 acres on Sitiawan. Work commenced in October, 36 acres being felled by the end of the year, 20 acres of which were fully cleared. Felling of the trees over the whole area will probably be completed in July and the extent of the area which will be completed during the year will depend upon labour and weather conditions. You will understand from these remarks that your Directors appreciate the importance of continuing the work of rejuvenation of this old estate.

Mining Objection

Our company, as you are probably aware, has the right to plant up, during 1939, an additional acreage equivalent to 5 per cent. of the total planted area of the estates, but, as we are in the position of having no land available for the purpose, application was made to the Government for a piece of jungle land adjoining Lumut which is considered very suitable for rubber cultivation. This piece of land had, unfortunately, been earmarked as a mining reserve and, although the Land Office authorities viewed the application favourably, the Senior Warden of Mines was not prepared to excise this area from the mining reserve. Under the circumstances, there was no alternative but to dispose of the planting certificates, granted to us, to the best advantage.

In view of the low quota and in the interests of economy, it was decided to discontinue tapping on Sitiawan at the end of September. It was very regrettable having to come to this decision as tapping had only been resumed on this Estate some 17 months previously. The rest will, however, undoubtedly do good to the trees of this old Estate and will, I hope, enable us to produce our requirements when tapping is resumed, at a reasonably low cost.

The manuring, mentioned by the Chairman last year, has been continued, and 114 acres on Alexandra Estate, and 280 acres on Sungei Nibong, were treated with Sulphate of Ammonia early in the year. It is pleasing to record that there has been a noticeable improvement in the foliage of those areas manured in 1937 and that there appears also to be improvement in the 1938 area, but, as regards the latter, the full effects will not be seen until refoliation takes place this Spring. It is to be hoped that this improvement in foliage will be followed later by increased yields from the areas treated.

The Estates generally, the buildings and machinery are all in satisfactory condition. The buildings on Sitiawan are, as you know, very old but they continue to serve their purpose. It will, however, be necessary soon to make provision for a gradual replacement of all the buildings on this estate.

Production Cost

In the matter of cost of production, it was only to be expected that, in view of the lower crops harvested, this would be higher and our average this year works out at 18.42 Straits cents per lb., compared with 17.27 per lb. in 1937. There is also a considerable reduction in the price realized, the average net price, for the 693,618 lb. sold, being 22.55 cents against 30.77 for 1,048,123 lb. sold the previous year.

You will see in the report details of the provisional assessment for each estate for 1939. These vary little from those of 1938, but the variation is, I am glad to say, on the right side. Sitiawan is assessed at the previous figure, while both Alexandra and Sungie Nibong and Lumut are granted small increases. The whole estate receives a provisional assessment of 1,349,000 lb. against 1,319,500 lb. for 1938.

The Accounts

Turning to the accounts, you will see that the profit for the year, after providing for the expenditure on the replanting I have already referred to, amounts to $49,327.90. It is, however, proposed to meet part of this expenditure by a transfer to profit and loss account of $25,000 from replanting and cultivation reserve which was created in former years for this purpose. This, together with the amount of $13,862.28 carried forward from last year, makes a total of $88,190.18 for appropriation.

The Directors recommend the payment of a dividend of 12 cents per share which will require $58,180.44 and to write off buildings and furniture, plant and machinery, wells and water supply, rubber factory and stores an amount totalling $16,225.03, details of which are in the report. If you approve these appropriations it will leave an amount of $13,784.71 to be carried forward to the next account.

In conclusion I wish to express the Board's appreciation of the good work done by the Estate Manager and staff and to thank Mr. Pinching, our Visiting Agent, and our Straits Agents for their assistance and advice.

The Resolutions

Proposed by Mr. W. Mellor and seconded by Mr. H. Martin Little:—That the Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938 as presented be accepted.

Proposed by Mr. W. Mellor and seconded by Mr. K. G. Stephenson:—That the Directors' recommendation to transfer $25,000.00 from Replanting and Cultivation Reserve to Profit and Loss Account, and to make the following appropriation of the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account as presented be accepted:—

To Pay a Dividend of 12 Cents Local Currency per share ..	58,180.44
To Write off Buildings and Furniture ..	5,255.03
To Write off Plant and Machinery ..	4,990.00
To Write off Wells and Water Supply ..	1,460.00
To Write off Rubber Factory and Stores ..	4,490.00
To Carry forward ..	13,784.71
	$88,190.18

Proposed by Mr. K. G. Stephenson and seconded by Mr. J. K. Brand:—That Mr. W. Mellor be re-elected a Director of the Company.

Proposed by Mr. Kay Clehun and seconded by Mr. C. J. Smith:—That Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews be re-elected Auditors to the Company for the ensuing year in Penang at an annual remuneration of Str. $200 and in Shanghai at an annual remuneration of $400.

New French Commandant Arrives

Colonel Grenier, new Commandant of the French garrison in Shanghai, arrived yesterday in the Messageries Maritime Chenonceaux. Above, Col. Grenier is chatting with M. Baudez, French Consul-General. Below, Col. Grenier with Col. Perretier, retiring Commandant, is inspecting the guard of honour on the French Bund.

New French C.O. Welcomed

Col. Grenier Arrives to Succeed Col. Perretier As C. O. French Forces

Col. Grenier, who is to succeed Col. L. Perretier as Commanding Officer of the French Forces in Shanghai, arrived yesterday afternoon in the Messageries Maritimes liner, Chenonceaux and was welcomed by a distinguished assembly of naval, military and civilian officials.

The new Commander will assume his duties in mid-April following the departure of Col. Perretier for France after a short holiday spent in Japan. Col. Perretier leaves Shanghai on March 30 for Japan.

Arriving at the Quai de France, Col. Grenier was met by Col. Perretier and M. M. Baudez, Consul-General for France, while also present were numerous officers of the French naval and military forces, the French Municipal Police and the French Fire Brigade.

Drawn up alongside the quay were two guards of honour from the French Forces and the French Municipal Police. As these were being inspected by the new Commander the French Police band played lively tunes. Following the inspection Col. Grenier was introduced to the various officials present and the gathering then dispersed.

Col. Grenier, who arrived from Indo-China, will meet the commanders of the various foreign forces in Shanghai in the immediate future and will also pay calls on the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and the Consular bodies.

Murder Suspects Face Court

Young Concubine Among Three Persons Charged

Three suspects, including the 16-year old concubine of the victim, were brought before the Second Special District Court yesterday on a writ of detention in connection with the brutal murder of Chen Ting-sun, a Chinese merchant who lived at 39 Hai Ga Li, Avenue Haig which crime was committed on Monday morning. One of the suspects, a man named Tao Peh-ching, admitted that it was at his instigation that Chen was shot and chopped to death because he had been in love with the concubine of the deceased. Judgment was reserved pending further investigations.

Tao further told the court that the deceased began to know that he (Tao) was in love with the young concubine. She was later beaten by her husband who warned her against having any relations with Tao. He alleged that the concubine gave him $400 with which to hire assassins. He only received $100 for buying a pistol and he asked four men including the third suspect to do the job, he said.

The concubine denied, however, that she intended to murder her husband. She merely gave $100 to Tao in order that he might clear his gambling debt, she said.

It was revealed in court that Tao is a carpenter by profession and that he had been in love with the young concubine for some time. The concubine was bought by the deceased only a few months ago.

End of Spanish War Believed Imminent

Paris, Mar. 22.

French reports from San Sebastian last night said the end of the Spanish civil war appeared nearer than at any time since its outbreak.

Both the Madrid and Burgos Governments were said to have given hints that a peace settlement was near. The Nationalists were said to be insisting on unconditional surrender by the Republicans and warned that Gen. Francisco Franco's troops were prepared to attack Madrid in overwhelming force at any moment.—United Press.

Commons Discuss Reuters Agency

Grant of Assistance During Czech Crisis Brings Criticisms

London, Mar. 21.

Reference to the allocation of £6,000 to Reuters, which was paid as part of the cost of the additional wordage sent in by Reuters services to foreign countries during the international crisis last Autumn, were made during a debate in the House of Commons today on the Foreign Office Vote.

Lt.-Cmdr. R.T.H. Fletcher, Labour member for the Nuneaton Division of Warwickshire, said that he made no attack on the business principles, or the integrity, of Reuters, nor did he associate himself with any suggestion of partiality on the part of Reuters. What he wanted to know, however, was whether the messages, in respect of which the sanction of the House had been asked for a grant of £6,000, "were confined to speeches and comments favourable to the Government, or whether they contained also criticisms of the Government's foreign policy."

Lt.-Cmdr. Fletcher also asked whether any Dominion paper published these services; and, if so, how much of them?

Subsidy Criticized

Lt.-Cmdr. Fletcher quoted criticisms of Reuters made in Singapore.

He added that, in South America, American news agencies were "taking advantage of this payment to discredit Reuters, on the ground that they had received a subsidy from the Government."

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Labour member for Derby, said that "this £6,000 is a trifling sum to Reuters, in view of their annual turnover, but it might do harm abroad, if it was thought that Reuters news services were under the influence of Government guidance."

Reuters, Mr. Noel-Baker emphasized, maintained "complete independence" in the collection and selection of their news. Reuters did not want a subsidy, and it was only because they realized the "vast importance to Britain of British and world news being presented through British, and not through foreign eyes" that they were prepared to take even this assistance in their distribution of news.

Emergency Arrangement

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that the assistance given to Reuters was "purely an emergency arrangement, the aim of which was to secure the publication of more British news.

"The contents of Reuters services," Mr. Butler stressed, "was left entirely free."

Mr. Samuel Storey, Conservative member for Sunderland, referring to criticisms of Reuters made in Singapore, attributed these to the keen competition existing between two Malaya groups of newspapers, one of which wanted another service supplementary to Reuters.

Subsidized Foreign Agencies

Rejecting the charge that "Reuters has a monopoly in Malaya and India," Mr. Storey said that, "by reason of their vast organization, which enables them to spread the costs over large areas, Reuters could distribute their services at a price with which other agencies would be unable to compete.

"But for that organization," he added, "Reuters could not compete, as they have successfully done, with the heavily subsidized news services put out by foreign agencies."

Mr. Storey maintained that there was no other British news agency organized to supply such services.

Referring to the position in South America, Mr. Storey agreed that it was a "serious consideration" if the acceptance of any assistance was to enable anyone to say that Reuters was "Government-controlled."

But, he added, the only condition upon which Reuters would accept such assistance was that they undertook nothing in return, except to increase the amount of news distributed.—Reuter.

RKO-Radio Executive In Shanghai

Discusses Production Problems, Expenses

The film industry is among the first three ranking business enterprises in the United States, Mr. Benjamin Y. Cammack, of the export division of the RKO-Radio Pictures, Inc., of Radio City, New York, declared in an interview with the "North-China Daily News" yesterday. Mr. Cammack arrived from Hongkong in the ss. Victoria.

RKO-Radio Pictures, he said produce some of the best pictures ever to come out of Hollywood.

"The Gunga Din for example," he said, "that picture cost U.S.$2,000,000 to produce. It was run for three weeks in the Radio City Music Hall, New York, the largest and best theatre in the world and broke previous box-office records."

Mr. Cammack dwelt on the expenses in making pictures. He said that the minimum spent is $150,000, excluding the expenses for distribution, publicity, print, laboratory work and lithography.

"Kitchener of Khartoum" is the tentative title of a proposed film, which will receive world-wide distribution by RKO Radio Pictures. Sir Robert Vansittart, who scripted "Sixty Glorious Years," will write the screen play for "Kitchener of Khartoum," the story following closely the adventure-packed life of the famous British military hero. Herbert Wilcox will direct the film personally.

Mr. Cammack left New York on August 20 and went to Brazil, Buenos Aires and South Africa. Subsequently he visited Singapore, Java, Siam, Hongkong and Manila. He plans to stay here for two weeks.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	*From*	*Consignees*
Neumark	Hongkong	H.-A.L.
Hannah Moller	C'wangtao	Mollers'
Naruto M.	Japan	N.Y.K
Don Jose	Ningpo	C.A.S.S.
Tangyang M.	River Ports	N.K.K.
Chenonceaux	Hongkong	M.M.
Tai Ping	Hongkong	Dodwell
Liwo	Chitung	Jardine
Wusueh	Hsinkong	B.&S.
Alexandra	Hsikong	Young's Shp.
C. of Dalhart	Hongkong	Mollers'
Faro	Tsungming	P.N.&T
Elbhof	Wenchow	Carlowitz
C'stine Moller	Hsinkong	Mollers'
Kiangting	Tungchow	Foo Hwa
Hanwo	Haimen	Jardine
Luise	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Barbara Marie	Fermantle	Lacey & C.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	*Flag*	*Despatcher*
Kiangting	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Fooksing	Br.	Wha Ying
Ave-Maria	Port.	Ta Lung
Heini	Ger.	G.F.E.
Haikong	Ger.	Keh Lee
Liesel	Ger.	Ta Lung
Tejo	Port.	I.C.R.N.
Tungwo	Br.	Jardine
Cortellazzo	Ital.	Lloyd T.
Tseangtah	Br.	Mow Tung
Don Joao	Port.	C.A.S.S
Katie Moller	Br.	K.M.A
Shanghai M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Chingning M.	Jap.	N.K.K
Burdwan	Br.	Mackenzie
Pelikan	Ger.	Reuter B.
Dairen M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Leesang	Br.	Jardine
M. Francisco	Port.	Maria S.N.
Tyosa M.	Jap.	O.S.K.
Java	Dan.	E. Asiatic
Fukwang	Br.	A.P.C.
Marburg	Ger.	Melchers

Men-of-War in Port

Name	*Flag*	*Type*	*Berthed*
Dorsetshire	Br.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Gnat	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Peterel	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Guam	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Isabel	Am.	Slp.	B.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
S. de Brazza	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Tahure	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
B. Colleoni	Itl.	Cr.	J.N.B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

Post Office Notices

Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is requested in order to make connection with the below-mentioned closing times.
(Last connecting time from Sub-Offices to Head Office is 19.35 on week days and 19.05 on Sunday).

Date and Destination	*Per*	*Reg.*	*Ord.*
THURSDAY, March 23.			
H'kong Canton Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon India Suez and Europe	Victoria	*20.00	7.30
Amoy	Kwangtung	9.30	10.00
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Yunnan	9.30	10.00
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Taisang	9.30	10.00
Kwangtung	Taisang	9.30	10.00
Ningpo	Don Jose	13.30	14.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Tejo	16.30	17.00
Foochow	H. Tseangtah	18.30	19.00
Wenchow	Elbhof	19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, March 24.			
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.	*20.00	7.15
H'lulu U.S.A. (L) Canada (L) Europe(L) via Pacific	Nagasaki M.	*20.00	7.15
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Soochow	10.00	10.30
Kwangtung	Soochow	10.00	10.30
Ningpo	Santarem	12.30	13.00
Ningpo	Hsin Peking	13.30	14.00
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Tangyang M.	13.30	14.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Taksang	17.30	19.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Taksang	18.30	19.00
Wenchow	Dragao	18.30	19.00
Wenchow	Don Luis	19.30	20.00
SATURDAY, March 25.			
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Sinkiang	10.30	11.00
Foochow	Kwaisang	13.30	14.00
H'kong Canton Aust. N.Z. Manila and Europe (Y)	Burgenland AX	15.30	16.00
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Yochow	18.30	19.00
Kwangtung	Yochow	18.30	19.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong	Kingyuan B	—	—
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Kingyuan	19.30	20.00
H'kong Canton Aust. N.Z.	Talabot CX	19.30	20.00
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Esang	19.30	20.00

* The night before.
A Parcél mail for Ceylon, Italy, Holland, Germany and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 25th.
B Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 25th.
C Parcel mail for S.S., F.M.S., Egypt, E-Soudan, Holland, Germany and other countries, closes at 16.00 on 25th.
L Light mail only.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Y Superscribed correspondence.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. Victoria, at 7.30 a.m. on March 23, and due Bracciano, Italy on April 2, and Iondon on April 3.

Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. Victoria, at 7.30 a.m. on March 25, and due San Francisco on April 1.

Air France (Hongkong-Marseilles) per ss. Potsdam, at 10 a.m. on March 29, and due Marseilles on April 7, and London on April. 8.

Neth (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Victoria, at 7.30 a.m. on March 22, and due Amsterdam on April 6, and London on April 7.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per available steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.

Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service:—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m.

Domestic Air Mail

Air Mails for Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line close daily at 12.00 (At Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 11.30 a.m.)

Air mails for Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west thereof are to be forwarded to Hongkong for further transmission by the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Train Mail

Light mails for or via Pengpu, Wuhu, N.S.R. and Lunghai (east of Chenghsien; Tungshan and Kaifeng) close daily, at 9.30 p.m. Express mails for Nanking and Chinkiang local close daily at 8.45 a.m.

Light mails for Kiangpei Offices west and north of Jukao via Chinkiang close daily at 9.30 p.m.

Light mails for or via Hangchow close daily at 9 a.m. and 9.30 p.m.; for S.H.N.R. daily at 9 a.m.

Light mails for or via T.P.R. and north Pinghan close daily at 9.30 p.m.

Light mails for Hankow, Wuchang and Hangyang by occasional sailings direct to Hankow.

Light mails for or via River Ports beyond Nanchang per available steamer via Ninghsien.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin or Chinwangtao for transmission.
Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
ss. Victoria, via Suez, March 23, due London April 18.
ss. Canton, via Suez, March 28, due London April 29.
ss. Potsdam, via Suez, March 29, due London April 24.

Vessels Discharging

AJAX. From Liverpool arrived on Mar. 20, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on March 29, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Thursday, March 23, 1939, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 23-3

ACADIA. The Maersk Line m.s. Acadia, from New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Los Angeles, Yokohama and Kobe via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes Davy on Saturday morning, March 25, at 9 a.m. Maersk Line Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 23-3

CHENONCEAUX. From Marseilles via Ports with Cargo ex ss. "Chateau Larose" arrived on March 22, and is discharging her cargo at Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for exchange of Delivery Orders and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by consignees and claims against this steamer must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival or they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Monday, March 27, 1939, at 9 a.m. at the wharf by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. No Insurance effected Cie des Messageries Maritimes. 24-3

MARBURG. The Norddeutscher Lloyd m.s. Marburg, from Bremen, Hamburg, Antwerp, Genoa and Livorno via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side. Consignees are requested send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees are further notified that the steamer Marburg has taken at Bremen and Hamburg through cargo for Shanghai ex steamer Strauss, Orla, Hector and Jade from Kotka, Raumo and Gothenburg. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side by Messrs. Tesdorpf, Hannig & Co. on Saturday morning, March 25, 1939, at 9 a.m. Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, General Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 24-3

NEUMARK. From Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Genoa and via Ports.—This vessel is now discharging all her cargo, at the Old Ningpo Wharf, subject to the usual terms and conditions as shown on the Wharf Tariff. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk" cargo are further requested to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst being landed. Damaged cargo will be examined at the Wharf on March 28, 1939, at 9.30 a.m., by the Surveyors, Tesdorff, Hannig & Co. No examination will be made after this date. All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fifteen days after the vessel's arrival. Claims sent in after this period will not be recognized No Insurance will be effected. Hamburg-Amerika Linie Filiale Schanghai, No. 20 Canton Road, Tel. 18709. 25-3

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From **NAGASAKI:** Nagasaki Maru, with mail, due 2 p.m., Wayside Wharf.

From **TIENTSIN:** Soochow, due 6 a.m., B. & S. Pootung Wharf.
Esang, due a.m., Roosevelt Terminal.
Kwaisang, due p.m., Peking Road Jetty.

From **HONGKONG:** Sinkiang, due a.m., French Bund
Taksang, due 12.30 p.m., Rossevelt Terminal.
Kingyuan, due p.m., French Bund.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA

Protesilaus	7/2	31/3
Bellerophon	7/3	28/4

From COPENHAGEN

Kina	1/2	7/4

From OSLO

Titania	17/2	13/4
Tamerlane	20/3	9/5

From HAMBURG

Potsdam	18/2	27/3
Regensburg	11/3	16/4
Gneisenau	18/3	21/4
Bellerophon	11/3	28/4

From BREMEN

Ramses	7/2	31/3
Kulmerland	21/2	14/4
Nordmark	7/3	22/4
Duisburg	21/3	10/5

From ROTTERDAM

Nordmark	16/3	22/4
Tamara	9/3	25/4

From ANTWERP

Glenbeg	21/1	24/3
Glenaffaric	4/2	1/4
Franken	24/2	15/4
Abbekerk	20/2	15/4
Glenapp	18/2	16/4
Regensburg	12/3	16/4
Denbighshire	4/3	29/4
Glenshiel	18/3	4/5
Scrooskerk	20/3	13/5

From GLASGOW

Hector	11/2	31/3
Menestheus	25/2	13/4
Aeneas	11/3	1/5

From LIVERPOOL

Philoctetes	11/2	27/3
Menestheus	4/3	15/4
Teiresias	25/2	14/4
Diomed	11/3	21/4
Aeneas	18/3	1/5

From LONDON

Suwa M.	17/2	28/3
Chitral	24/2	2/4
Terukuni M.	3/3	7/4
Carthage	10/3	16/4
Bangalore	4/3	17/4
Hakusan M.	17/3	24/4
Denbighshire	18/3	29/4

From MARSEILLES

Mar. Joffre	3/3	31/3
J. Laborde	17/3	14/4

From TRIESTE

C. Verdi	8/3	2/4
Arabia	20/2	20/4

From PORT SAID

Titania	15/3	13/4
J. Laborde	21/3	14/4
Abbekerk	14/3	15/4
Carthage	21/3	16/4
Franken	12/3	15/4

From SUEZ

Terukuni M.	15/3	7/4
Kulmerland	16/3	14/4
Glenapp	16/3	16/4

From ADEN

Bangalore	20/3	17/4

From COLOMBO

Potsdam	13/3	27/3
Ramses	16/3	31/3
Mar. Joffre	17/3	31/3
C. Verde	23/3	2/4

From PENANG

Chitral	23/3	2/4

From SINGAPORE

Boissevain	17/3	24/3
Suwa M.	20/3	28/3
Mar. Joffre	22/3	31/3
Protesilaus	20/3	31/3
Hector	22/3	31/3
Ramses	20/3	1/4
Glenaffaric	23/3	1/4

From SOERABAIA

Tjisaroea	13/3	1/4
Tjisadane	17/3	1/4

From BATAVIA

Tjisaroea	16/3	1/4

From MANILA

Kina	23/3	7/4

From HONGKONG

See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK

Anna Maersk	10/2	28/3
Eurybates	27/1	29/3
Cingal. Prince	11/2	2/4
Irisbank	7/2	2/4
C. Athens	18/2	19/4
Ivaran	25/2	19/4
Agapenor	27/2	21/4
Malay Prince	9/3	24/4
Foylebank	6/3	27/4
Niel Maersk	10/3	27/4
Silversandal	23/3	7/5
C. Pittsburg	16/3	13/5

From SAVANNAH

Malay Prince	12/3	24/4
Niel Maersk	15/3	27/4

From SEATTLE

Ixion	17/2	26/3

From VANCOUVER

E. of Canada	18/3	4/4

From LOS ANGELES

Kamakura M.	27/2	26/3
P. Coolidge	6/3	23/3
Silverteak	10/3	11/4
Asama M.	14/3	12/4

From LOS ANGELES

Ivaran	20/3	19/4
Agapenor	21/3	21/4

From SAN FRANCISCO

Cingal. Prince	2/3	2/4
Irisbank	3/3	2/4
Silverteak	16/3	11/4

From HONOLULU

P. Coolidge	14/3	28/3
Emp. Canada	23/3	4/4
Asama M.	22/3	12/4

From HONGKONG

See "China Ports" below.

From YOKOHAMA

Kamakura M.	18/3	26/3
Canton	21/3	26/3
Anna Maersk	23/3	28/3
Oldenburg	19/3	1/4

From KOBE

Burgenland	20/3	25/3
Ixion	18/3	26/3
Oldenburg	22/3	1/4

From NAGASAKI

Shanghai M.	25/3	26/3

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN

Boissevain	15/2	24/3
Tegelberg	15/3	20/4

From DURBAN

Tegelberg	21/3	22/4

From MELBOURNE

Nellore	4/3	10/4

From BRISBANE

Nellore	17/3	10/4

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN

Tsinetao M.	22/3	24/3
Antenor	11/3	30/3

From TIENTSIN

Yochow	22/3	25/3
Shengking	23/3	26/3
Mingsang	24/3	27/3
Kanchow	25/3	28/3
Liangchow	27/3	31/3

From HONGKONG

Glenbeg	16/3	24/3
Boissevain	22/3	24/3
Nanning	21/3	25/3

From HONGKONG

Dahpu	21/3	25/3
Szechuen	21/3	25/3
Paisang	22/3	26/3
Mingsang	23/3	27/3
Philoctetes	23/3	27/3
Tsinan	22/3	27/3
Potsdam	20/3	27/3
Kaying	24/3	28/3
Taiseunhong	24/3	29/3
Eurybates	20/3	29/3
Wingsang	26/3	30/3

From KEELUNG(Formosa)

Hakuken M.	23/3	26/3

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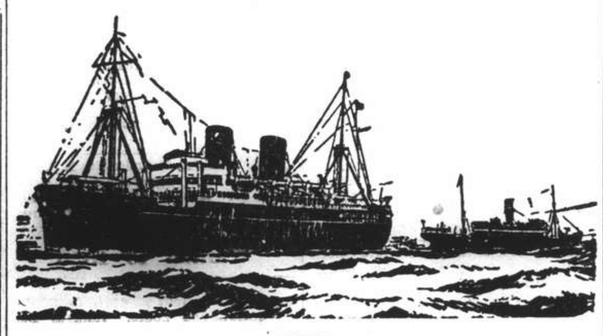

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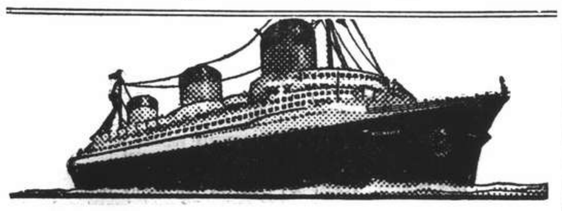

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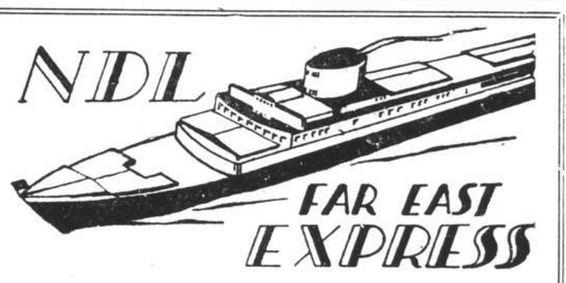

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Can a man miss his own jubilee? Can he, for instance, approach the thirtieth anniversary of his literary career and be completely unaware of that fact? The possibility is unlikely. Yet the unlikely became the factual in the case of Capt. A. M. Kotenev, who to his surprise found out in somewhat unusual circumstances that 30 years have passed since he published a novel of 400 pages in Moscow in 1908.

Some time ago a man with a youngish and distantly familiar face greeted him in a bank. There followed the usual assertions about the state of the weather and questions about the state of each other's well-being, and for want of saying anything else to the insistent conversationalist Capt. Kotenev commented on the latter's really excellent shirt. It transpired that this article of apparel cost an excellent price and was made by the best shirtmaker in the city. Then, without further preamble, the stranger came out with the question: "Where could I get your book?" Thinking that he meant his "New Lamps for Old," or "The Chinese Soldier," or "Shanghai: Its Council and the Chinese," Captain Kotenev answered, "Oh, at Kelly & Walsh's or "The North-China Daily News'." "No," was the rejoinder, "I mean your Russian book." Then, as the more popular writers used to say, came the dawn. "You must be much older than you look," he exclaimed, "if you've read my Russian book! He suddenly remembered that thirty years ago, in Moscow, just after he had recuperated from serious wounds received in the Russo-Japanese War, he had written a long novel reflecting the experiences and mental turmoil of men of his generation who had left for Manchuria while yet youths and went through the first revolution of 1905 and the subsequent reaction in politics and decadence in the country's literature and morality. It appeared that the individual of the colourful shirt was 35 years of age; quite definitely, therefore, he could not have read the book when it came out in Russia. Greatly intrigued as he believed there never was a copy of the old novel in the Far East, Capt. Kotenev asked a few more questions; and the slang into which the other slipped served to remind him when many years ago he was an interpreter at the Mixed Court and came across this man who was nothing but a jailbird. The man had read the book while sojourning at the Amoy Road jail, and it had, he confessed, stirred him mightily. The rest was not difficult to do. Capt. Kotenev got in touch with the Governor of the S.M.C. Gaol and obtained through an official paper this rare copy of his first literary attempt. It had gone through thousands of hands, yet had lost none of its 400 odd pages of large format.

The novel is called "The Truth of His God." Its principal hero, Alexis Abarinov, "Alesha," has much in common in biography and character with the then young author, who was undergoing an emotional strain caused by his wounds, the unsuccessful war, the revolution and the resulting moral decadence. Now this book has been carefully renovated by an experienced binder, given a beautiful leather cover and graces the writing desk of its author, who has thus been reminded by a chance meeting that he has approached the 30th anniversary of his literary career.

New Sensation

No sooner had Russian emigration forgotten the tragic kidnapping near Paris last year of Gen. E. K. Miller, head of the largest organization in the Union of ex-officers and Men of the Imperial Army; no sooner had it obliterated the painful memory of the expose of the important rôle played in this kidnapping by Gen. Skoblin, made at the notorious trial of his singer wife, Mme. Plevitskaya, than a new sorrowful sensation rocked emigré military circles. The new head of the organization after the disappearance of Gen. Miller was Gen. F. F. Abramov, who lives in Sofia, as his entry into Paris is forbidden by French authorities. One month ago Gen. Abramov, pattern of an officer in the best military tradition, participant of the Russo-Japanese and World Wars, called an extraordinary meeting of the highest officers under him and informed them that a horrible rumour whispered around for months past had proved true: his son, a former officer of the White Army, was a Soviet *agent provocateur*. Four years ago his son succeeded in making his way out of the U.S.S.R., where he had long been prisoner. The father was overjoyed at this reunion and placed him in his chancellery under the command of Capt. Foss. Some time later the Captain informed him that several valuable political documents had suddenly disappeared. It was further noted that Gen. Abramov's son had blossomed out into an extravagant mode of living. After the kidnapping of Gen. Miller and the startling revelations regarding the underground activities of Gen. Skoblin, Gen. Abramov came face to face with a terrible secret. His son was allied with and stood on the payroll of his sworn enemies. The General handed him a revolver and told him to use it on himself. The son refused. The General informed the police, and young Abramov was sent out of Bulgaria. This was the bombshell whose explosion detonated throughout all centres of Russian emigration. It is now learned that certain secret members of the emigré military organization inside the U.S.S.R. have been tracked down and executed for the betrayal of both Gen. Abramov's son, and Gen. Skoblin, who carried on their work hand in glove.

Russians Across the Creek

Russians in Shanghai are residentially divided into two categories—those who live in the Settlement and French Concession and those who live across Soochow creek. The latter are steadily gaining in number. Soaring rentals have made many Russians move to Wayside and Yangtszepoo, where houses, garages, even semi-ruins are almost daily invaded by new tenants. Speculation in prices is not lagging far behind this movement, yet rents are still far below those south of the creek. Russians are deterred neither by seclusion, absence of street-lighting nor bad communication. Even in houses lacking lighting, glass for windows and half their original structure they manage to create tolerable living conditions. What is more, they now have their own club, school and weekly newspaper—although they still subscribe to the Russian dailies.

Residing temporarily in Shanghai is Miss N. A. Khvostov, secretary of the Manila magazine "The National Health Journal." Graduating from the Public School and the Business College in Shanghai, Miss Khvostov left for Manila where she began contributing to the paper in question and in time became one of its sub-editors. She has recently paid a visit to Harbin, where she went in search of snow and northern skies. Life in Manila has, ascording to her, a pleasantness marred only by the absence of things Russian. There are no Christmas trees on Christmas, and on Easter the traditional Russian *passkha* must out of necessity be made of cottage cheese. Lately, however, buckwheat has made a welcome appearance and has been immediately utilized for making the no less traditional *blini*.

Czech Invasion Reaction

The lightning rapidity and importance of events in Central Europe that have led to the disappearance of Czechoslovakia as an independent Republic have stirred the Russian colony in greater measure, perhaps, than other Shanghailanders. In the first place, Russians are certain that the occupation of Moravia and Bohemia predestinates the German march on Soviet Ukraine. In the second, many Russians remember the Czechs in connection with the civil war in Siberia of 1918-1920. Gen. Sirovy, for instance, is well remembered by many Russian officers in this city. Gen. Voitsekhovsky, a Russian General who went over to service under the Czechs, was, until the last, military commander of the district. But even those Russians who cannot remember without regret the position and behaviour towards the White Army adopted by the Czechs twenty years ago, and their part in the surrender of Admiral Koltchak to the Bolsheviki, abstain from commentaries either verbal or written, appreciating the drama being experienced by all local Czechs. It is said that the Russian people are just as great-hearted and able to forget past injuries as the Chinese. The truth of this statement should be best judged by others.

Registration

The new registration of Russian emigrés with local Chinese authorities through the Emigrants' Committee is continuing. Three thousand Russians have so far given in their names. The registration expires on March 31, and the Committee requests emigrés not to put off the procedure to the last moment when crowds of such size form at the doors that they must wait in long queues in the street.

As the whole territory comprising the former Russian Concession in Tientsin is today exploited for military purposes by the Japanese Army, the Russian population in that city has during the last two years almost completely transplanted itself, states a recent arrival from the northern port. The former Russian Concession is today surrounded by electrically-charged barbed wire, running along the border creek on the Race Course and right next to the former mansions of Mr. B. V. Ostroumoff, who has long since migrated to Saigon. Most Russians at present live in the former German Concession. Russian youths from 18 to 30 years of age are banded into a volunteer detachment and wear uniforms of the Imperial Russian Guards. Men from 30 to 50 years are obliged to listen to series of lectures on political topics.

Chamber of Commerce Dinner

On Thursday, March 16, the Arcadia restaurant was the scene of a dinner of the Russian Chamber of Commerce, presided over by Mr. J. K. Mironov and attended among others by Mr. P. P. Batolin, Mr. Charles Metzler, Mr. E. S. Kaufmann, Mr. V. S. Prisiajnikov and Mr. L. V. Arnoldov. Speeches were given and the opinion was expressed that Russian commerce and industry will grow and flourish in the future.

On March 15, 22 years passed since the enforced abdication of Tsar Nicholas II, subsequently murdered in Ekaterinburg with the whole of the imperial family. This date is now known as tne "Day of Russian Sorrow," Requiem services were held in all churches, and sermons were given by Bishop John. Present in the congregations were many Russian military, headed by Lieut.-Gen. K. F. Walter.

At the recent annual meeting of the members of the Russian Club on Avenue Foch, the new Board of Directors was elected, consisting of Messrs. Moskin, Lang, Umnoff, Semin, Mironoff, Kichin, Buyanover, Chibunovsky, Petrukhin, Blinoff, Silin, Zorin and Stepanoff. This new Board includes many old members as well as new ones, headed by Mr. M. A. Moshkin who has once again been elected President and who has already contributed so largely to its success.

In connection with the death of Mrs. L. K. Drozdova, one of the oldest representatives of the Imperial Russian Ballet in the Far East and perhaps in the whole world, it is remembered that the late ballerina first revealed choreographical talent in 1872, when only five years old. At that tender age she bravely approached Emperor Alexander II, who had himself noticed the dancing of this graceful tot, and disarmingly asked His Majesty to put her in the Imperial School of Ballet, which was graciously done. She was only 23 years old when she had already won a Government pension and the title of the premiere danseuse of the Imperial Ballet. Her first husband was Mr. M. M. Petipa, then a famous actor, and under his influence she temporarily abandoned the ballet for the theatre. Notwithstanding her venerable age, she gave ballet lessons in Shanghai until her death.

Traffic accidents in Tokyo registered a marked decrease last year, according to statistics compiled by the Metropolitan Police Board. Out of 16,779 accidents last year 467 were fatal while 1,334 caused serious injuries. The amount of material damage averaged Y.1,152 daily, it was disclosed. Traffic accidents in Tokyo's old city limits showed a decrease of about 70 per cent. in comparison with 1932 when the highest record was reached. The figure for the newly-included city area showed a decrease of about 35 per cent. These decreases were attributed to improved traffic facilities, including the rotary plaza system and sidewalk traffic signals.

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LADY-stenotypist required, perfect English and German. Applications should contain nationality, age, special knowledges, previous employments, salary expected. Address Box 2051, NCDN. -3458

AMERICAN firm requires experienced male Chinese typist. Must be fast and good in tabulating work. Good English also essential. Give complete details of education and experience in first letter. Address Box 2055, NCDN. 11621

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ENGLISH and Spanish lessons, 75 cents and $1 per hour, respectively. Alfred Cohn, 500 Rue Lafayette. -3457

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PIANO lessons. Chord system. Easy method for adults. Al references. $15 monthly. Twice weekly. Telephone 74393. -2637

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